



Roadrunner Reporter

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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.

HELP!!!! Our District Website needs a permanent home. We are looking for a company to donate approximately 50-100 megs of space and email capabilities. If you can help, please call Astrid Sumpter @ 817-858-9988. Thanks!

September, October and December 2001 Calendar Dates

September 2001

- Sept 1, Sat** – Popcorn Show & Sell Begins
- Sept 4, Tue** – Youth Protection
- Sept 6, Thu** – District Roundtable
- Sept 8, Sat** – Cub Basic Training
Basic Commissioner Training
- Sept 10, Mon** – Take-Order Popcorn Kickoff
- Sept 13, Thu** – HEB School Night
District Committee Mtg.
District Commissioners Mtg.
- Sept 15, Sat** – Cub Baloo Training
Cub Scout Chariot Derby
- Sept 20, Thu** – New Leader Essentials
Council Exec Board Mtg.
- Sept 22, Sat** – Scoutmaster Specific Training
Tiger Cub Adventure Day
- Sept 27, Thu** – Newsletter Deadline
- Sept 29-Oct 1** - Outdoor Leader Skills

October 2001

- Oct 1, Mon** – Popcorn Orders Begin
- Oct 4, Thu** – COR Training
District Roundtable
- Oct 6, Sat** – Webelos Orienteering
- Oct 11, Thu** – District Committee
- Oct 13, Sat** – Cub Scout Basic Training
- Oct 16, Tue** – Recharter Training Session
- Oct 25, Thu** – Newsletter Deadline
- Oct 27-28** – Turkey Shoot

November 2001

- Nov 1, Thu** – District Roundtable
Popcorn Orders Due
- Nov 6, Tue** – Youth Protection Training, @St. Timothy's Presbyterian
- Nov 8, Thu** – District Committee
- Nov 10, Sat** – University of Scouting
- Nov 17, Sat** – Popcorn Pickup
- Nov 27, Tue** – Recharter Turn-in Night
- Nov 29-Dec 1** – Roadrunner Rendezvous

Thanks go out to all you Scouters that helped N.E.E.D. in "their" time of emergency!

We don't have any exact totals of how much was given by all of you, but I can tell you that it definitely filled up the back of a pickup truck!

District Chairman

Warren Nagumo 817-581-8612

Numbers don't lie....

But they don't always tell the truth, either...

Don't get me wrong... I like numbers - I was good in math; I have a graduate degree in finance and

accounting; and, I crunch numbers all day long in my profession. But, I just don't trust 'em...

I was brought up believing in the "management by the numbers" approach that was so popular in top business schools during the 70's and 80's. Give an MBA enough numbers and he/she could solve all the world's business problems, cure all social and political ills, and still have weekends free for leisurely sailing trips off the exclusive eastern shores of Long



Island and Martha's Vineyard. (No, I couldn't, wouldn't, and haven't done any of those things...) Numbers were strong, authoritative, and decisive. They made business (and life) easy, because you never had to deal with people and all the problems that they seem to attract.

As a young banker working in the garment, entertainment, and diamond districts of Midtown Manhattan, I quickly learned that numbers don't lie, but they don't always tell the truth, either. It was my ultimate humiliation to find that your fancy financial calculator is useless when you're evaluating a multi-million dollar line of credit request from a diamond dealer who hasn't prepared an audited financial statement in his company's forty-year history, but who has been faithfully buying diamonds at sight from DeBeers for more years than I was old. My wise and patient clients taught me that the real world was more about character, honor, personal integrity, and honesty than about balance sheets, income statements, and headcount.

I have been reminded of those all too confident and "heady" days during the past few months, as I have struggled to gain an understanding of where we are as a district. At this time of year, we are so easily caught up in the numbers of the moment – number of units, membership, popcorn sales, FOS goals, number of trained adults, number of recruits... We labor under the assumption that if the numbers are "good," then we are doing well. This is a logic trap and delusional thinking!!

If the goal of our Scouting program could really be reflected or measured by the numbers, then I guess, the number crunchers would be right in their pursuit of more and bigger. However, I would contend (and I hope that you agree) that Scouting has little to do with numbers. I believe that Scouting is a people business. More specifically, it's a young people's business. Our goals are focused around quality more than quantity. Yes, it's true that we want as many kids in Scouting as we can get. But we are not simply rounding up cattle. Rather, we are in the business of providing a program that builds quality people. Character, honor, trust, personal integrity, honesty, and leadership are the qualities that we strive for. It's teaching kids (and adults) to live the Scout Oath and Law, not to just recite it. These are results that we cannot quantify with a number.

In the coming weeks and months, we're still going to ask for and talk about numbers. It's helpful information and, from time to time, the numbers can let us know where we are not doing the job. But, just in case you get to wonderin' where we're really trying to go, I thought I'd let you know for the record what our priorities really are...

Rechartering

Recharter time is coming. There will be a Recharter training session October 16th. Recharter turn in night is tentatively scheduled for November 27th. Locations for these sessions are to be determined.

District Commissioner

Bill Jesse 817-354-7142

District Commissioners Team

There is only one service to a unit that is constant and that is the friendly personal help given by the Unit Commissioner. This person must be available to offer advice, program suggestions, and to support unit leaders. A commissioner plays several roles, including friend, representative, unit "doctor", teacher, and counselor.

If you have an interest in serving at the district level, and unit commissioner service has piqued your interest, please contact Bill Jesse at 817-354-7142 (h) or 214-285-2262 (w) for additional information.

The Roadrunner District Commissioner's team is currently staffed as follows:

Joe Marsh - Roundtable Commissioner for Boy Scouts (817-540-1963)

Dave Kaiser - Roundtable Commissioner for Cub Scouts (817-354-5147)

Open Position - Assistant District Commissioner Information Technology

Dave Smith - Assistant District Commissioner for Cub Scouts (817-267-2342)

Bill Harrison - Assistant District Commissioner for Boy Scouts (817-283-8052)

To date Judie Watson, Donna Hargrove, Art Rutherford, Madelyn Toland, and Fawn Walker have volunteered as Unit Commissioners - Cub Scouts. Royce Moody, Bob Ricks, and Michael Hardtke have volunteered as Unit Commissioners - Boy Scouts. Specific unit assignments are still being determined. Next month's newsletter will contain specific unit assignments and commissioner contact numbers.

This past month Dave Smith and I completed Basic Commissioner Training and Bill Harrison completed several advanced commissioner courses. See the Cub Scout Roundtable section for additional information on training completed by other Commissioners and staff.

Finance

JaDonn Hassinger

817-545-7743



Take-Order Popcorn Kickoff

The Take-Order Kickoff is on September 10th, at 7:00 pm at Martin Methodist.

Training

John Lawrence 817-283-5079

Boy Scout Leader Training

There is still time to get registered for the Fall Scoutmaster's Specific Training. The registration deadline is Sept 8. The first 20 applications from the Roadrunner District will be accepted. After Sept 8, the applications will be taken on a first come first serve basis from both the Roadrunner District and the Lakewood District.

The dates are:

New Leader Essentials

Thursday, Sept 20 7:00PM to 9:00 PM
1st United Methodist Church of Colleyville
5601 Pleasant Run Road, Colleyville

SM/ASM Specifics

Saturday, Sept 22 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM
1st United Methodist Church of Colleyville
5601 Pleasant Run Road, Colleyville

Outdoor Leaders Skills

Friday, Sept 28 to Sunday 6:00 PM to Sunday, Sept 30 2:30 PM
Camp Tahuaya

Participation is required at all three sessions.

Youth Protection Training

Greetings, all you youth protection conscious scouters. I'll save the big oratory for another time, so here's the Roadrunner district youth protection schedule for the rest of this year:

September 4th, 7pm

St. Andrews Lutheran Church
Bedford Eules Road & Hurstview

November 6th, 7pm

St. Timothy's Presbyterian Church
On Forest Ridge, just North of Harwood.

The schedule follows a semi-monthly pattern and the classes should be expected once every two months, which theoretically should work in concert

with the Lakeview district's classes, which should be offered in the months between. Additional classes can be formed as necessary.

Remember, this YPT is good for three years and in this council only. If you are bridging up to Boy Scouts or are overdue, please plan to attend one of the classes as soon as possible. You can also let your parents in on the dates and encourage them to attend, as the training is a real eye opener and is not restricted to leaders only.

I am currently building a staff of certified YPT trainers to assist in conducting these courses, so please send me your personal info via email if you are qualified. I would love to put you to work. :o)

Joe Robertson -YPT Coordinator
(hm: 817-282-6272) joedr@home.com

Cub Scout Training

New Essential and Cub Scout Leader Specific Training 9-8-01 and 10-13-01 (No Charge)

9-8-01 Cub Basic Training Location: Samuel Beck Intermediate School, 401 Parkview Drive, Trophy Club

Baloo (Family Camping Certification Course) 9-15-01
Registration \$8.00 (meal and materials) - after 9-13-01 \$10.00. Location: Camp Burnett, 3301 N. White Chapel Road, Southlake.

Outdoor Webelos Leader Training 11-2-3-01
Registration \$15.00 (meals and materials) - after 10-26-01 \$20.00

Registration forms for Baloo and O.W.L. will be available at the September Roundtable.

Essentials Training is for everyone in the Scouting program. Leader Specific is for whatever position a volunteer is holding. Baloo is required by at least one person attending and planning your Pack Family Camping event. Outdoor Webelos Leader Training explains the Webelos outdoor program and gives tips for carrying out the program. It is required for the Webelos Leader Training Award.

For more information on these trainings contact: Linda Jones 817-267-5818 -or- Jamie McCallum 817-589-8813 (jamie.mccallum@phschool.com).

Commissioner Training

Silver Star District is hosting Basic Commissioner Training on September 8th, at the LDS Church located at 100 Paint Pony (the intersection of White Settlement and Paint Pony) Saginaw, registration is at 8:30am till 5:00pm. On November 10th, the



Longhorn Council will be sponsoring a Commissioner College.

Cub Scout Roundtable

Dave Kaiser 817-354-5147

Cub Breakouts & Handouts

The Cub Scout roundtable is being changed! You know the old adage, if it ain't broke - fixit! Well, maybe not. We are going to theme-base the breakout sessions as opposed to position breakouts. This allows us to better perform our function, which is to serve as supplemental training. We will be providing a list of the sessions at each roundtable, as well as working into the future to provide a heads up for those who might see a session they want to attend. Encourage at least 4 members of your pack to attend so that you can benefit from the opportunities this program will provide.

September Topics: (1) Arrow of Light ceremonies, (2) elements of a good skit, (3) camping the BSA way and (4) planning pack meetings.

October Topics: (1) Webelos to Scout transition, (2) camping locations and methods near the Metroplex, (3) camping equipment and tents, and (4) planning a campfire program.

Boy Scout Roundtable

Joe Marsh 817-540-1963

Venturing Speaker

September's Boy Scout Roundtable will feature a long time Scouter from Arlington named Eric Moler speaking on the topic of Venturing. If you have any problem at all with retaining older youth in your program this may be the Roundtable for you. He will discuss the pros and cons of forming a Venture Patrol in your Troop as compares with a free standing unit. Eric will address the "Learning for Life" program and clear up any confusion that has arose after all the changes for a couple of years ago in these older Scout programs.

Monthly Roundtable Topics

We in the Boy Scout Roundtable would like to offer topics each month with information that you can take back to your Troops and use in your program. We would like to do a feature every month on the New Scout Patrol, Skills for the Middle years and a feature for the Older Boys. The only way we can accomplish this goal is to have staff to provide those programs. If

you have thought of being on Roundtable staff and would have a particular interest in one of these areas, please talk with Joe Marsh, Boy Scout Roundtable Commissioner at 817-540-1963 or work 817-429-9332 or e-mail at propwash9@home.com. Drop me a line or give me a call if you are interested in being on staff of this growing Roundtable.

Many thanks to Britt Maxwell for Volunteering to share with us, this month, a cooking recipe. If you have a recipe you would like to share, step right up and let us know. I would like to have this as a regular feature of our Roundtable.

If there is any skill, trick, insight into a problem or anything else you think would be of interest to the Group, let me know and we figure out how we can get the information to our Roundtable participants.

Octobers Roundtable will Feature the return of Splits where leaders will split into Job Appropriate Groups and discuss topics of interest to each of the Groups. This is your chance to bring a tough problem to a group who can probably help you with that problem and at the same time allow you to get to know the folks who run the units near you.

Camping With Your Buddy Troop

On that topic, we in the Boy Scout Roundtable are encouraging "Camping with your Buddy Troop" for the month of December. To promote fellowship and cooperation between our Scouts and Adults plus hopefully double the fun and give you a chance to share resources and new Campfire Stories with each other. Pick a Troop and ask them to go camping with you. Troop 161 and 86 did a "Float the Brazos" at New Braunsful last month and had a great time.

Please invite your new Leaders to Roundtable. Make sure everyone knows we want to see them, and the more the better. Everyone is Welcome.

Yours in Scouting, Joe Marsh

Boy Scout Advancement

Pat Pool 817-571-3266

New Eagle Scouts – August 2001

The following three Scouts passed their Eagle Scout Boards of Review in August and are awaiting BSA National Organization approval.

- Patrick Arrington – Troop 346
- Brian Hansen – Troop 344
- Drew Moore – Troop 757

When you see these three young men, please congratulate them for a job well done.



Change to Eagle Scout Boards of Review

The Roadrunner District is changing the way that we do Eagle Scout Boards of Review. As of September, Eagle Scout Boards of Review will be held at a troop meeting of the prospective Eagle candidate. The candidate is to contact the District Advancement Chairperson and his troop committee. The troop committee (either the Troop Advancement Chairperson or the Troop Committee Chairperson) will arrange a room for the Eagle Scout Board of Review to meet. With the split of the districts, the District Committee feels that the smaller district will allow us to make the effort to come to the troops for this important event. The District Committee believes that the Eagle Scout Board of Review belongs with the Troop just as the Tenderfoot through Life Scout Boards of Review.

Please call Pat Pool at 817-571-3266 (ppool88@home.com) for scheduling Eagle Scout Boards of Review.

Relationships

Jim Richmond 817-581-9013

COR (Chartered Organization Rep) training is scheduled for October 4 in connection with roundtable. 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.

Activities

Valerie Glave 817-540-2098

Cub Scout Chariot Derby 2001

September 15, 2001 – Tarrant County College NE Campus – 828 Harwood Road, Hurst, just East of Grapevine Highway.

Registration deadline is 5PM on Wednesday, September 12th. Cost is \$8.00. Check-in 8-9 AM, Chariot Derby Events 9-1 PM.

For more info, check out http://www.longhorncouncil.org/events01/chariot_derby01/chariot_derby01.htm.

Webelos Orienteering

When- Sat. Oct 6th, Time- 9:00A.M. Till noon
Alternate Rain Day if heavy rain-Sat Oct.13
Where- Bedford Boys Ranch (The pavilion next to the lake). Sponsored by Troop 254

Two-deep leadership for participating dens requested unless just a few boys attending, however

each den must have at least one leader present for the entire event should take no longer than 2 or 2 ½ hours.

Cost: \$1.00 per boy Pre-registration is not required, but we would like an estimate of participants called in by Oct. 4th.

Contact: Bob Hasbach 817.430.8623 –or- David Poe 817.282.5428

Cub Scout Turkey Shoot October 27th and 28th, 2001

"Turkey Shoot" is the Roadrunner District's annual event that allows Cub Scouts to learn about gun safety by certified trainers and try their hand at target shooting. The event is open to Cub Scouts (sorry, no Tiger cubs for safety reasons) only. Top Scorer of each rank will receive a turkey (yes, it will be a frozen one, not a live one!) Fee per boy is \$3.00 to cover supplies for the shoot and patches for each boy registered for the event. Make checks payable to the BSA.

Start planning now to attend! Time slots will be scheduled in advance on a first come first serve basis. Plan on having your dens scheduled together.

Scheduling and registration will begin at the October Round Table. If you miss the Round Table in October, you can call the Turkey Shoot Chair up until October 19th. Reservations by Pre-Registration only. We will do our best to accommodate all request for slots. Be prepared with the name of each boy you intend to register at the October Round Table.

The event will be held at the Grapevine Police Practice Range. This is the same location as in prior years. The range is located next to the Grapevine Golf Course which is on the east side of the lake just north of the lake dam. Parking will be in the Golf Course parking lot. From the HEB area, take 121 north to Bus 114, go north to Hwy 26, left on Fairway Drive, and cross over the dam. Turn right into the golf course. No phone at the range.

Bring comfortable walking shoes (1/4 mile walk to range area). Water bottles and something to sit on is suggested. There will be refreshments and snacks available for a modest fee. Please do not bring guns or pets. Plan on spending one hour to 1 and 1/2 hours. The event will be held rain or shine, hot or cold. Bring appropriate clothing.

Turkey Shoot Chair: Pat Hadley
Home phone is 817-267-4325 or e-mail at patrickhadley@hotmail.com

Tiger Cub Adventure Day
Howdy, Partners!
Come DISCOVER TEXAS with us!



Grab your lassoes and help us round up some fun! Join us for fun filled day of searching our State History and discovering new friends and sharing the fun! You'll learn some interesting facts about Texas! Do you know what the State Dinosaur is or the State Sport or how about the State Cactus? You'll be riding wild horses and racing them, learn to shoot like a cowboy and an arrow like the Indians! You'll learn crafts new and old and experience it all in a wonderful outdoor setting. The adventure begins at 1:00 P.M. and continues until 5:00 P.M. Bring an afternoon snack and water bottle and wear comfortable shoes. All this fun and so much more is being held at Bear Creek Park, Euless, TX!

\$10.00 for both Tiger Cub and Adult Partner if paid by September 14th, 2001

\$15.00 for both Tiger Cub and Adult Partner if paid after September 14th, 2001

This fee includes all activity supplies, patches and Insurance. This is a rain or shine activity! For more details contact Longhorn Council at 817-624-5500 or camping@longhorn.org. Or Judie Watson at 817-282-0496 Tigers500@hotmail.com!

Scouting For Food

We are still awaiting the dates from Council for this activity. As far as we know, the Longhorn Council has scheduled it to be in November. More information will be provided in upcoming roundtables.

Camping

George Pifer 498-1972; 354-4881

Yes...We are going Camping!!!

Roadrunner Rendezvous Scheduled for Nov 31-Dec 1,2, 2001

Start planning now to attend the 15th annual Roadrunner Rendezvous Nov 31-Dec 1,2, 2000. It's a great time for the District to camp together and share a fun weekend.

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.

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....

Pack 254's Summer Activities

Pack 254 (chartered by Emmanuel Presbyterian Church in Bedford) has had a blast this summer in striving for the National Summertime Pack Award. In planning to get this award for as many boys as possible, two events were planned for each of June and July. In June, Pack 254 participated in Twilight Camp at Bear Creek Park. The pack sent 15 boys...about half the pack! The boys enjoyed this event very much. Their favorite activity was the fire truck spray down (of course!). They were able to complete many achievements, electives, belt buckles, and activity pin items. They even earned the Texas Badge!

On June 20, Pack 254 went to a Texas Rangers Baseball game. The score was 7.5! That's the average number of \$1 hotdogs consumed by each Cub Scout or parent! Although the Rangers did not win they did make a game of it in the ninth inning to keep it interesting. The end result was it was a lot of fun and everyone wanted to do it again...especially on dollar hot dog night.

For our first July activity, Pack 254 participated in the City of Bedford 4th of July Parade. The Cubs Scouts decorated their bicycles, scooters, and other wheeled items with the red, white, and blue of the Fourth of July theme. The boys were extra creative for this event. We had an outstanding turnout with 18 boys and 28 parents and family members participating. Pack 254's entry was recognized by receiving the award for Best Children's Theme, which is only one of four awards given by the parade judges. We received a huge trophy to display at our charter organization and got to proudly carry a banner showing that we won the award.

Our second event for July was a car wash in our charter organization's parking lot. This was held on July 21st. In four hours, the pack collected over \$350 which will go to help pay for a subscription to Boys' Life for every Cub Scout in the pack. This was our first car wash and we learned a lot of things for the next one. It is amazing how many big pickups came through...and how dirty they can get! The boys especially enjoyed washing a PT Cruiser, a motorcycle, and a corvette! For a hot summer day, this was a great activity as the boys got more water on themselves than they did the cars.

For August, we are planning a pack meeting where we are going to spend most of the time playing games and just having fun.

At this time, there are 18 boys that have qualified for the Summertime Award pin. This is an increase from only 3 boys last year, which were our first Cub



Scouts to be recognized for their participation with this award. The Pack 254 leaders really appreciate all the parent participation that it takes in order for

their boys (and other family members) to enjoy these fun activities.

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 or astrid.sumpter@eds.com>, by phone (hm: 817-858-9988 – wk: 817-963-9403) or by mail: 1412 Shady Lane, #19, Bedford, TX 76021