

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.

March, April and May 2002 Calendar Dates

March 2002

- March 7** – District Nominations Due!!
- March 9-10** – Cub Scout Family Camping
- March 9-12** – Twin Arrows TA146
- 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** – Basic Leader Essen.
- 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** – COR Training
- April 6** – Motor Speedway Scout Day Commissioner Basic Training
- 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** - Youth Protection Class COR Training CPR Class
- April 11** – Roadrunner District Banquet
- April 11** - First Aid Class
- April 12-14** – Woodbadge SR466 (Pt.1) Spring Camporee
- April 13** - Bowlathon
- April 20** – Longhorn Pinewood Derby

May 2002

- May 3** – Woodbadge SR466 (Pt.3)
- May 7** – Youth Protection Training
- May 31-June 2** – Resident Camp

NOTICE:

June will be the last time that we are holding Roundtable at Martin Methodist. After this, it will be held at St. Phillips Presbyterian, located off of Precinct Line & Pinline.

District Commissioner

Bill Jesse

817-354-7142

District Dinner

The District Dinner will soon be upon us and it will be time to celebrate the accomplishments of the past scouting year. If you know of a Scouter whose service and dedication to scouting has yet to be recognized, nominate them for an award. The nomination process is one of the

few 'jobs' in Scouting that will truly take "one hour per week" to complete. If you have questions as to what awards are available, please contact anyone on the District staff.

Commissioner Training

Congratulations go out to Michael Hardtke for completing Commissioner Basic Training. Additional commissioner training opportunities are March 23 at the Council Service Center - Roundtable Training; and April 6 in Denton at the



First Christian Church in Denton - Commissioner Basic Training hosted by the Frontier Trails and Tonkawa Districts. Please contact Bill Jesse if you have questions or need additional information on these classes.

Our district is greatly understaffed with respect to Unit Commissioners. As a result we are not always aware when a unit needs or would like a visit from a Commissioner. Our primary function is to assist units to help ensure the best possible program is being offered to the Scouts in our district. Please do not hesitate to contact anyone on the District Commissioner's staff if you have a problem or concern that you would like help with. I can be reached at 817-354-7142 or billjesse@attbi.com. In a perfect world we would be contacting **Every Unit Every Month**.

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

Need Unit Commissioners!!!

We need some 'Boy' Scouters to assist by volunteering for duty as "Unit Commissioner" to the Cub Scout Packs. We are asking for Troop Scouters because of your proven performance & knowledge (typically) as having come from Packs. Your invaluable experience would make you an excellent Liasons between Packs / District & Council. Since it is primarily a 'passive' position, ie: not 'hands on', the commissioner would be the 'messenger'. Of course, everyone knows that any volunteer position in Scouting only requires 3 hours a month.

Thanks,
Dave Smith, ADC/Packs

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
42	Number of units presentations scheduled
98%	Percent of units scheduled
27	Number of presentations complete
\$19,784	\$ Raised
\$55,000	District Goal
36%	Percentage of goal

Several units have postponed or rescheduled, but are still on the calendar. Many are now going to occur on the same night, March 25th! Please remind remainder of units to be sensitive about the time and other responsibilities of our volunteer FOS Presenter team if they may need to make still more changes. Our folks have been quite flexible but always appreciate more advance and timely notice. Better communication and coordination will be necessary in order for us to have a successful conclusion to this year's campaign.

Training

John Lawrence

817-283-5079

Cub Scout Training

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

March 21, 2002 – 7:00PM to 9:00 PM

St. Timothy Presbyterian Church - Forest Ridge Dr., Bedford

Outdoor Webelos Training

Webelos leaders, make your calendars now and plan ahead!! OWL Training is scheduled for May 11-12, 2002. Applications will be available at the April Roundtable.

Boy Scout Training

Spring Rocking Chair starts this month. If your unit has leaders or parents that need to be trained, this is the time!

March 21, 2002	Basic Leader Essentials St. Timothy Presbyterian Church 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM
March 23, 2002	Scoutmaster ASM Specifics – Hills & Hollows 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM
April 5-6, 2002	Outdoor Leader Skills – Hills & Hollows April 5, 6PM to April 6, 8PM

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
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.

Youth Protection Training



The next scheduled youth protection training classes will be held on Tuesday, April 9th and Tuesday, May 7th at St. Timothy Presbyterian Church on Forest Ridge Drive in Bedford. The classes will start promptly at 7:00pm. Please plan to attend if you are a new leader or are in need of renewal. Remember, your youth protection training is good for three years in this council.

If you have immediate or special needs and would like your unit to host a district youth protection class, please contact me for further information.

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>

NRA Rifle and Shotgun Instructor Course April 20-21 and May 4-5

For adult leaders (21 or older) interested in becoming certified as an NRA Instructor. Course will be held at Camp Tahuaya, just south of Belton, Texas (Tahuaya Rd./Exit 289 off I-35)

The course will include NRA Certified Rifle Instructor Course, NRA Certified Shotgun Instructor Course, Texas Hunter Education Student Course, and the information necessary to put on an outdoor shooting program for a Scouting unit.

http://www.longhorncouncil.com/events01/flyers02/nra_instructor_trng_class.pdf

Cub Scout Roundtable

Dave Kaiser

Breakout's for April

- ◆ April: Theme for May is "Abracadabra".
- ◆ Doug Bhatt: Special awards – Religious Award, Super Achiever, etc.
- ◆ Mark Crowley: Why you want your Pack at Day Camp and what you need to get ready.
- ◆ Howard Scheffler. and Bill Dodson.: Tools and techniques necessary for the outdoor program.
- ◆ Peter Riddlebarger: Participating service to Charter Organizations.

Boy Scout Roundtable

Joe Marsh

817-540-1963

Camp Gadgets

With Summer Camp on the near horizon, we of the Boy Scout Roundtable Staff thought it would be a good time to have a feature on "Camp Gadgets"! So the March Roundtable focus will be on that subject.

April, May and June will finish out this year of Roundtable. If you have a subject you would like to see covered, please talk to Joe Marsh, Mike Stevens, or Valerie Glave and let them know what you would like featured. I have considered:

- ◆ Safe Swim Defense
- ◆ Joe Glaston of National speaking on the changes to the "Patrol Leaders Handbook".
- ◆ Summer Camp Preparations
- ◆ Backpacking for Younger Scouts
- ◆ Troop Favorite Campouts of the year
- ◆ Climbing/ Rappelling opportunities within 200 miles
- ◆ New Ideas for Troop Junior Leader Training
- ◆ National Training Opportunities for Boy Scouts
- ◆ Philmont Training Center

Give me your Opinion. I want to hear what you would like to see featured.

Yours in Scouting, Joe Marsh

LDS Roundtable Breakouts

Alden Breinholt - Michele Haynes

817 581-2953

817 284-3153

Cub Scouts in the Hurst TX Stake have been having some great adventures lately; A bike rodeo put on by the Hurst Police Dept.-Community Service Division. A field trip to the Federal JReserve in Dallas. Ham Radio communications with some of the stakes Emergency Preparedness radio team. Don't forget that Twilight Camp is coming up in June.

Plan to attend Roundtable at 7pm and join in Scouting with other LDS Scout leaders prior to District Roundtable starting at 7:30

Troops June 24-29, 2002 at camp Tahuaya is an LDS week at camp. LDS Units in the Hurst TX Stake and surrounding LDS stakes are encouraged to register for this week of camp. We will be complimenting the camp experience with priesthood and religious experiences that will make for an exciting and great week. Please contact Bruce Nelson, who is the LDS Camp Director, at 817/656-7955.

For the Troops: Next months before roundtable training will be "Varsity Scouting Fast Start"

Boy Scout Advancement

John Lawrence

817-283-5079

Eagle Board of Review

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

Shaun Harris Troop 387
Hussain Manjee Troop 758

Merit Badge Counselor Registration

When the Longhorn Council converted to ScoutNet Software, all of the merit badge counselor registration data was lost. It is very important that the new BSA adult applications be filled out. This information was passed out at the January Roundtable meeting.

Currently the following troops have returned registered merit badge counselor information:

Troop#	Registered Counselors
86	1
250	6
253	4
254	26
310	1
343	3
346	12
347	22
387	17
758	1

No information has been received from the following Troops: 22, 161, 220, 332, 333, 340, 348, 500, 509, 787

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.

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

Jeff Doggett

817-692-3435

New Wopalone Chapter Advisor!!!

Here is a quick bio of Jeffrey Doggett. We look forward to hearing more from him during the next couple of months.

Jeffrey Doggett currently lives in Bedford. He is an Eagle Scout and Vigil honor member in the OA. He currently works at the Cooper Clinic in Dallas as an Exercise Physiologist and at Harris HEB hospital in the ER as a Tech. He received his Eagle here in the Roadrunner District with Troop 340 and was active in the OA Chapter as a Chapter Chief.

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.

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 JJGR@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

Bowlathon 2002

This year's Bowlathon is being held on April 13, from 10:00AM to 12:00PM at the Main Event in Grapevine. The boys will be getting 2 games, free shoes, 2 pieces of pizza and 1 soda. Each participant must have at least \$20.00 pledged in order to bowl.

**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>

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/tmotor_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
CANCELLED!!!**

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

Summer Twilight Camp

- ◆ When: June 3 through June 7th.
- ◆ Where: Area Park to be announced.
- ◆ Time 4:00PM to 8:45PM
- ◆ Cost: \$60.00 per scout \$70 after April 30th
- ◆ Registration Deadline: May 10th

The following will be held at St. Timothy's Presbyterian Church on Forest Drive in Bedford.

- ◆ Pack Representative Training: March 21, 7-9PM
- ◆ Pack Registration Turn In: April 30, 7-9 PM
- ◆ Staff/Chaperone Training: May 21 or May 23, 7-9PM
- ◆ T-Shirt Pickup: May 23, 7-9PM

Camp Director: Mary Margaret Rambo 817-498-7276

Camping

George Pifer 498-1972; 354-4881

**Spring Camporee
April 12th-14th @ Worth Ranch**

Scouting's CLEAR Objectives is the theme of this year's Spring Camporee. All troops in the Roadrunner District are



encouraged to attend. Let's make this Camporee our best ever.

Remember what CLEAR stands for: Challenge, Learning, Experience, Adventure, Responsibility!

The cost of the Camporee is \$6.00 per person which includes all camp fees and a great patch for all participants. There will be varying levels of program for Scouts of all ages including an "IRON SCOUT" competition for our Venture age Scouts. All Troops MUST pre-register with Camporee Chief, George Pifer no later than April 5th to ensure proper campsite size and location. Registrations should be faxed to George at 817-540-6590 or emailed to smgpifer@earthlink.net.

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/cubfamilyprograms2001-2002.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....

Tim Gruver, COR – Troop 254 Earns Good Shephard Baptist Award

The Emblem: The Good Shepherd Emblem is a national recognition for adults who have rendered outstanding service to Baptist youth through their church and one of the national youth-serving agencies (i.e., Boy Scouts of America). The emblem is made available through the Association of Baptists for Scouting in cooperation with the national youth serving agencies. Its purpose is to acknowledge distinguished service by laypersons and pastors leading toward the spiritual, physical, mental, and moral development of Baptist youth through service to the church and its youth programs.

Eligibility: The emblem may be given to any adult (18 years or older) who has made an exemplary contribution to his or her church and one of the youth-serving agencies. The nominee must have demonstrated leadership as a "Good Shepherd" in his or her service to youth. It is preferable that this leadership extend over a period of not less than 10 years. Recipients must have a minimum of five years of active service in one or more of the national youth-serving agencies, and a like tenure of active service in local church ministry.



Congratulations Tim!!!!!!

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