

# ROADRUNNER



# REPORTER

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**District Website:** [www.roadrunnerdistrict.org](http://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](http://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.

## April, May and June 2002 Calendar Dates

### April 2002

- April 4 – Roundtable  
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  
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
- April 30 – Twilight Camp Pack  
Registration Turn-in

### May 2002

- May 2 - Roundtable
- May 3 – Woodbadge SR466 (Pt.3)
- May 7 – Youth Protection Training
- May 9 – District Committee Meeting  
District Commissioners Meeting
- May 18 – Twilight Camp Staff and Lead  
Chaperon Training
- May 21 – Twilight Camp Parent and  
Chaperon Training
- May 23 – Twilight Camp T-shirt Pickup
- May 31-June 2 – Resident Camp

### June 2002

- June 1 – Twilight Camp Walkthrough
- June 3-7 – Twilight Day Camp
- June 24-29 – LDS week at 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

Effective with April 11th's District Dinner, my term as the Roadrunner District Commissioner will end. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the Scouters in the district for their support during the past year. I encourage

all of you to continue providing support for your units as well as supporting district activities. The continued success of the Roadrunner District is directly dependent on your willingness to provide that 'one hour per week' of your time and effort. Thank you for letting me serve you this past year.

Bill Jesse - District Commissioner



### 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.

5	Presentations not done yet.
\$55,000	District Goal
51%	Percentage of goal

Several units have postponed or rescheduled, but are still on the calendar.

### Training

John Lawrence 817-283-5079

### Boy Scout Training

Outdoor Leader Skills is this weekend at Hills & Hollows in Denton. We expect to graduate 43 Scouters from this Rocking Chair Course !!!!!

April 5-6, 2002	Outdoor Leader Skills – Hills & Hollows April 5, 6PM to April 6, 8PM
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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
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](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.

Youth protection training is not just for scout leaders. If you have any parents in your unit that plan to serve this June at twilight camp or are just curious about why we do the things we do, please encourage them to attend the training.

Joe Robertson Youth Protection Coordinator  
(817) 282-6272 [joedr@charter.net](mailto: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>

### 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](http://www.longhorncouncil.com/events01/flyers02/nra_instructor_trng_class.pdf)

## Cub Scout Roundtable

Dave Kaiser

817-354-5147

### New Roundtable Commissioner For 2001-2002

Announcing the new Roundtable Commissioner - Doug Bhatt. He will be taking over for Dave Kaiser and will be keeping most of his old staff and will add a few new staffers. Doug brings a significant level of experience and enthusiasm, and should be a significant upgrade from the old guy! **Topics for May** include: Aquatics Safety, Hiking preparations, and camping equipment demonstrations.

## Boy Scout Roundtable

Joe Marsh

817-540-1963

### Splits

**April's Roundtable** will involve a return to its origins. Roundtable was originally a once a month meeting where Leaders from a District would gather and discuss problems, issues, and concerns of their unit. We have precious little time in today's busy world to just interact. Campouts are busy times with responsibilities. Meetings have a drive to be productive. Normal evenings are for the family. This month's Roundtable is Splits, where leaders of like positions huddle together and discuss topics of interest to the group.

**May Roundtable** will bring back an old friend from the Lake View District. Brice Boyd will be with us to cover Safety Afloat/ Safe Swim Defense, which is required for a group to be involved in water activities.

Yours in Scouting, Joe Marsh

## LDS Roundtable Breakouts

Alden Breinholt - Michele Haynes

817 581-2953

817 284-3153

LDS Cub Scouting is growing strong. Out of seven units, six were represented at the recent Pack Rep Training for Twilight Camp. It's taken all of us working together to make this year such a success; Let's keep working together to make this year's Twilight Camp our best ever!

**Cub Scouts** - 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.

## 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 February.

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Troop 758

### Merit Badge Counselor List

2002 Merit Badge Counselor list are in the troop information folders. Merit Badge Counselors may still be added but will not appear in the district list until 2003.

There is no cost to registering as a counselor. A BSA Adult Application must be turned in, with a Merit Badge Information Sheet. 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](mailto:eagleboard@attbi.com).

## Relationships

Jim Richmond

817-581-9013

### Roadrunner District Annual Banquet Thursday, April 11 at TCC NE

The Banquet will be held Thursday, April 11, 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.

### 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](mailto:astridsumpter@hotmail.com).

## Activities

*Valerie Glave*

*540-2098*

### **Roadrunner District Dinner**

The Roadrunner District Dinner has been scheduled for Thursday April 11, 2002 at 7:00 PM. The cost is \$15 per person till Sunday, April 7. After Sunday, the cost is \$20 per person.

The Banquet is being held at the Tarrant Community College in the Student Union Building (Center Corner Room). TCC is located at 828 Harwood Road in Hurst (Harwood Road between Precinct Line Road and Grapevine Highway). Use Parking Lot D.

Dinner is being catered by Wilhoite's of Grapevine. Uniform is optional.

For more information, contact the Banquet Chairman, Valerie Glave @ 817-540-2098 or contact Gloria Coyle or Gale Follett.

### **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:

	<b>Registration Time</b>	<b>Race Time</b>
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](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/txmotor\\_speedway\\_scoutday.pdf](http://www.longhorncouncil.org/forms/txmotor_speedway_scoutday.pdf)

### **Webelos to Woods**

◆ 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](http://www.longhorncouncil.org/events01/flyers02/webelos_woods_2002.pdf)

### **Summer Twilight Camp**

- ◆ When: June 3 through June 7<sup>th</sup>.
- ◆ Where: Village of Bear Creek Park in Euless.
- ◆ Time 4:00PM to 8:45PM
- ◆ Cost: \$60.00 per scout \$70 after April 30<sup>th</sup>
- ◆ Registration Deadline: May 10<sup>th</sup>

Get ready for an event of epic proportions. The Roadrunner District annual summer twilight camp will be held June 3-7 at Bear Creek Park in Euless. Planning is just about complete and we have some really good news! The cost of the camp has been reduced to \$50.00 for registrations that are received prior to the May 10th deadline and \$60.00 for those received after that.

The camp promises to provide the scouts with lots of fun opportunities to learn, earn achievements and activity recognition. The theme of the camp will be An Ancient Greek Olympiad. The ranks will be assigned to continents. The scouts will be grouped into countries in their continent. They will learn about their country and work toward representing their home country in the Friday night Olympiad. Each country will visit Greece each day and learn about the history and crafts of the birthplace of the Olympic games.

Leaders will have an opportunity to participate in the fun by picking a goddess or hero to portray while chaperoning or staffing the events. It promises to be fun for scouts and leaders alike.

All preparation activities will be held at St. Timothy's Presbyterian Church at 3001 Forest Ridge Drive in Bedford. Key dates are as follows:

- ◆ Pack registration turn in April 30th 7-9 PM
- ◆ Staff and lead chaperon training May 18th 9-3 PM
- ◆ Parent and Chaperon training May 21 or May 23 7-9 PM



- ◆ T-shirt pickup May 23 7-9 PM
- ◆ Camp walk through June 1 10:00 AM (meet at Bear Creek Park Pavilion)

We are looking for volunteers to support key staff positions. For more information about how you can be a part of the fun, contact Mary Margaret Rambo at mmrambo@attbi.com.

Another way to help out. We need 300 paper towel tubes, and empty cleaned clear plastic 20 oz. soft drink bottles.

## Camping

*George Pifer*      498-1972; 354-4881

### **Spring Camporee April 12<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> @ 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 5<sup>th</sup> to ensure proper campsite size and location. Registrations should be faxed to George at 817-540-6590 or emailed to smgpifer@earthlink.net.

## 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