

ROADRUNNER



REPORTER

**"There's Nothing Stronger Than The Heart Of A Volunteer"**

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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 at St. Phillips Presbyterian, located off of Precinct Line & Pipeline, starting in August 2002.

**Free admission for participants AND family members for the whole day at Six Flags! What a deal!**

Volunteers are needed, ages 14 and up, to assist with and throw a Scout scare into Six Flags Over Texas patrons at Fright Fest. The Longhorn Council operates 2 Phantom Funhouses to benefit our Scouting programs. Twenty volunteers, per house, are needed for each shift to dress as phantoms and haunt the "Funhouses". Volunteer workers and family members get **FREE ADMITTANCE** to Six Flags Over Texas! Return your group's shift reservation request form as soon as possible! Scouts, siblings, friends, parents, leaders, relatives are all (*see age limits*) eligible to haunt the Funhouse. All shift reservations will be confirmed in writing or by E-mail. Sign up now and **enjoy all of Fright Fest at Six Flags.**

**August, September and November 2002 Calendar Dates**

**August 2002**

- 01 – Roundtable
- 03 – Commissioner College @ Circle Ten
- 04 – YPT Training
- 06 – School Rally Night Kickoff  
– Popcorn Show/Sell Kickoff Training
- 08 – District Committee Mtg,  
– District Commissioner Mtg.
- 19 – HEB First Day Of School
- 24 – Cub/Boy Scout Fast Start Training  
Essentials Training
- 30 – Sept 1 – Fall OA Ordeal

**September 2002**

- 04 – YPT Training
- 21-22 – Outdoors Webelos Leadership Training

**October 2002**

- 02 – YPT Training
- 23 – A Taste Of Scouting – New National Scout Museum

**Asst. District Chairman**

*Gloria Coyle*

*817-283-7148*

Roadrunner District welcomes our new district chairman, Joel Hueske. Joel recently served as chairman of the 2002 HEB community Friends of Scouting breakfast. He has two sons, Brian, an Eagle Scout, and Mark. Welcome Joel!!!!

**Popcorn Sales Kickoff Is Next Week!!!**

Popcorn fundraising kickoff will be in August. Secure your popcorn chairman now. Decide if your unit wants to participate in Show N Sell (where you order popcorn and then sell it at location sites you reserve, such as Kroger's, etc.) Show N Sell Kickoff Training is August 6<sup>th</sup>.

JaDonn Hassinger – Popcorn Chairman  
[MsJaDonn@msn.com](mailto:MsJaDonn@msn.com)

**School Rally Planning & Training**

School Rally night training will be this summer, Tuesday, August 6th, for Packs. Interested troops are also invited. How do you plan rally night? Who's in charge? What do you need? How do you secure a new den leader? These questions will be answered at this meeting. Unit commissioners will be at this meeting to help out as well.

**Schedule FOS Presentation for 2003**

As your unit is planning your pack meeting dates and troops are planning Courts of Honor dates, don't forget to include a FOS Presentation Date, Bill Jesse will be our FOS chairman.



Some Packs and Troops kept continually changing meeting dates and therefore FOS presentation dates as well. When you keep changing dates, you will lose interest from the boys and their parents. Remember, if you fail to plan, you plan to fail.

## District Commissioner

Dave Kaiser

817-354-5147

### Recharter Reminder Update Youth & Adult Member Info

It's already August, and packs and troops should be thinking about recharter time. Roadrunner District recharts all units in December.

Between now and November, you should also be reviewing and updating your unit roster. It will make life so much easier if your roster is continually updated. All units should be having monthly committee meetings, therefore updating the roster with youth and adults should not be difficult.

Contact your unit commissioner if you have questions. Our unit commissioners service more than one unit. Please be considerate of that fact especially if you want them to come to your unit committee meeting.

Before our recharter information and training night in Nov., select someone who will be in charge of the rechartering.

## Training

Pat Wax

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As we continue to prepare for a new program year remember our district goal to have 100% of all unit leaders trained for their specific positions.

All new leaders and parents should begin training as soon as possible after joining a unit.

An orientation for new parents and leaders should be conducted by your Cub Pack Trainer or Boy Scout Troop Trainer within the first week of joining and all leaders should receive position-specific training within 30 days.

Cub and Boy Scout Fast Start training will be available on Saturday, August 24th and followed by Essentials Training. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. for fast start and at 10:00 a.m. for Essentials training. Fast Start may also be presented to your unit by the person in your pack or troop who is the designated Cub Pack Trainer or Boy Scout Troop Trainer. If your unit needs a tape, please have your trainer call Pat Wax.

Outdoor Webelos Leadership Training will be held on September 21st and 22nd at Hills and Hollows in Denton. This training is for all Webelos Leaders, Cubmasters, and interested Committee Members to provide information and skills needed to conduct a successful out door program. For further information, please pickup a flyer, or call Mark Crowley (Course Director) at 817-283-3972 – or – Linda Jones at 817-267-5818.

### What Makes a Trained Leader?

Fast Start training is the first step for any new volunteer and will help them get started and lay the groundwork for their leadership roles. It is also a requirement for the leader training award.

**Cub Scout leaders** are considered trained when they have completed New Leader Essentials and the Cub Scout Leader Specific training for their position.

**Scoutmasters and Assistant Scoutmasters** are considered trained when they have completed New Leader Essentials, Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmaster Leader Specific Training, and Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills.

**Troop Committee members** are considered trained when they have completed New Leader Essentials and the Troop Committee Leader Specific training.

**Varsity Scout leaders and assistants** are considered trained when they have completed New Leader Essentials, Varsity Scout Leader Specific Training, and Introduction of Outdoor Leader Skills.

**Venturing crew Advisors, Assistant Advisors, and Crew Committee members** are considered trained when they have completed New Leader Essentials and Venturing Leader Specific training.

Special awards are available for all leaders who complete training, tenure, and performance requirements. These awards are given by our Longhorn Council and presented at our monthly roundtable. All of the awards require the completion of Fast Start Training, Essentials Training, Basic Leader Training for your position, Youth Protection Training, and participation in roundtables or a pow wow or University of Scouting. One or two years of registered service in the appropriate position is a requirement for each award, and tenure used for one award may not be used for another.

Training schedules will be developed with the district calendar and published at roundtables and in the District newsletter. Be prepared to incorporate training into you unit program as a regular activity.

Pat Wax - District Training Chairman  
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### Youth Protection Training

This is the schedule for the rest of this year in the YPT department: July 31st, September 4th, October 2nd, November 6th, and December 4th.

All classes are at Saint Philip Presbyterian Church (roundtable site) in the library and will start promptly at 7:00 pm. No one will be admitted more than 10 minutes after the tape has been started.

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.

## Cub Scout Roundtable

Doug Bhatt

817-267-4970

Welcome back everyone. Your roundtable staff has put together, I think, an exciting and informative program for this year. Our breakouts are now going to be geared to each of the different ranks. With this in mind, we need your help. We need you to encourage your den leaders, committee members and parents to attend Roundtable so that we can give our boys the best program possible. Please remember if there is a topic that you haven't seen covered in our breakouts let us know, we will do our best to fulfill your needs.

### Cub Scout Program Helps To Be Offered Starting in August 2002 At Roundtable

For those of you that remember, we used to offer Cub Scout Program Helps for \$2 each. These were 15-30 page books that were geared toward the next months Cub Scout themes. Well, we are going to start this up again, because it is a wonderful resource for all of you leaders out there.

These Program Helps include theme specific ideas such as Prayers & Poems, Leader Hints, Tiger Ideas, Pack/Den Activities, Fun Foods, Games, Webelos program helps, Pre-Opening Activities, Opening Ceremonies, Audience Participation Skits, Regular Skits, Stunts & Cheers, Songs, Advancement Ideas, Closing Ceremonies, and Web Links.

BSTBP--Doug Bhatt

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## Boy Scout Roundtable

Joe Marsh

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Time to start a new year of Roundtables. August will be our customary "Summer Camp Review", where Troops will share with all of us where they went to Summer Camp and how things went for them at that camp.

Of course there will be a new location for Roundtable with St. Phillips Presbyterian Church in Hurst which hosted us for a lot of training events a decade or so ago. Our New Cub Roundtable Commissioner, Doug Bhatt is interested in continuing our new custom of joint Cub, Boy Scout Roundtable announcements. We are also there to help get to know the Cub side. Please find someone with blue epaulet rings on their shoulders and introduce yourselves.

I am looking forward to a great year with some old and some new staff.

Yours in Scouting, Joe Marsh

## LDS Roundtable Breakouts

Alden Breinholt - Michele Haynes

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LDS Cub Scouts: LDS Cub and Troop Roundtable Breakouts will resume the same schedule as last year in conjunction with the traditional Roundtable meetings. As always every first Thursday of each month.

LDS Roundtable: Start time: 7:00pm

District Roundtable: Start time: 7:30 pm

## Membership

Mike Stevens

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### Membership: 'mem-b&r-"ship noun

1 : the state or status of being a member

2 : the body of members <an organization with a large membership>

3 : the relation between an element of a set or class and the set or class.

Hey, it's that time again when we think in terms of membership. WOW, what a great time of the year! This is when we get to share with others all of the wonderful reasons why we are in scouting with others who are not. Tell them about the good times we have, and explain why we love our children and what a fantastic impact scouting has their lives and the way that they develop.

One of the greatest things that you can do for other people is to help them also find the benefits in scouting.

To help each of our units to grow and share more effectively, we are conducting a **School Night Rally** training session next Tuesday night, Aug 6, at: St. Philip Presbyterian Church (745 W Pipeline Rd, Hurst, TX 76053)

Cub Scouters need to be there to learn how to recruit new cubbies. Boy Scouters need to be there to help the Cub Scouters

(Where do you think Boy Scouts come from?)

See you there, and as always, have a Great Scouting Day.

### Membership Tips for Savvy Scouters

**Recruiting Tip #1:** In August, have a unit end-of-year pool party or picnic. These can be lots of fun for the whole family and a great way to get more people in your unit introduced to each other in a casual festive atmosphere.

Pick some group games that all can participate in like Frisbee-golf, softball, cooking hot dogs, swimming, and home-made ice-cream (strawberry is my favorite, call for my recipe).

Have every boy bring a buddy for the fun in the sun.

(Hint; this works best right before school starts when vacations are over)

**Recruiting Tip #2:** Visit the Sunday-School classes at your Chartering Organization. Most Sunday-School teachers would be happy to let you speak to the kids if they know you are coming (clear this with your COR or



Pastor first). This is a great place to find good kids, who probably live very convenient to where you meet.

This is also a great way to strengthen the ties of support from the Chartered Organization to the unit.

## Boy Scout Advancement

John Lawrence

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### Eagle Board of Review

The Eagle's Nest is starting to get crowded this year!!!  
Congratulations to the district's new Eagles.

Cody Kretzer	Troop 253
Cliff Riley	Troop 332
Shaun Cameron	Troop 86
David Flaherty	Troop 86
Daniel Lindsey	Troop 348

So far during 2002 the District has 16 new Eagles, this has already surpassed 2001. Great Job!!! There have been some very motivated Life Scouts.

### 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](mailto: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.

### Eagle Projects and Eagle BOR's

The advancement committee will operate during the summer. If you have a Scout ready to present his Eagle Project or a Scout ready for his Eagle BOR, don't waste the summer months.

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).

## Order of the Arrow

Jeff Doggett

817-692-3435

The OA would like to remind everyone of the fall ordeal at Worth Ranch. The date is Aug 30-Sept 1. If you have people needing to go through the ordeal, this is the last chance this year. If they do not go to it, they will have to be elected next year. This is also an opportunity to go through your brotherhood if you have been in the OA ten months.

Jeffrey Doggett - Wopalone Chapter Adviser  
817-692-3435 [sportmed512000@yahoo.com](mailto:sportmed512000@yahoo.com)

## Relationships

Jim Richmond

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The next Charter Representative training is going to be Oct 3<sup>rd</sup>, during Roundtable..

Our committee is responsible for relations between the Roadrunner District and the community and various units. Is there a way that we can help with having a better profile in the community, please let me know. [jjjgr@msn.com](mailto:jjjgr@msn.com).

### District Website Has A New Resource!!! ScoutXing.com

The Roadrunner District website, which is located at <http://www.roadrunnerdistrict.org>, has a new backend resource just for Scouting leaders. This site is ScoutXing.com (<http://www.scoutxing.com>), and is a Mega-Resource with over 1600 songs, over 1000 different ceremonies (advancement, opening, closing, flag, Webelos, bridging, etc.), over 500 skits and growing, Cubmaster and Scoutmaster minutes, Cub Scout and Webelos specific helps, and much more.

This site is also becoming a great resource for Pow-Wow books as well. There are currently 15 books, and growing. The Webmaster is currently integrating information from these books and other sources into the site for easy access.

For those of you who have been to Sid Richardson, you will get the joke with the logo of the site....

### Calling All Scouters For Pow-Wow Books!!

For those of you out there who know what these are, you know how hard they are to come across. For those of you who don't, check out [www.scoutxing.com](http://www.scoutxing.com), and you'll find out how many I've got so far!!!

I am working on compiling a collection of Pow-Wow books to make available to all leaders. I don't require your original, but I would love to make a copy so it can be scanned into an electronic format. Please help me out if you can so we can share this valuable resource with those who need it!

### New Email Notification Service

We are instituting an email notification service through SmartGroups.com. This will be a private (not public) group, where messages such as a notification of events can be sent out. This is being done in hopes of saving time with endless phone calls, separate emails, etc. For privacy sake, this group will be moderated, so that everyone does not receive any unsolicited mail. Go to the following to sign up.

<http://www.smartgroups.com/groups/roadrunnerdistrict>. If you have any questions about this, please contact me.

Astrid Sumpter

hm: 817-858-9988 [astridsumpter@roadrunnerdistrict.org](mailto:astridsumpter@roadrunnerdistrict.org)

## Activities

Valerie Glave

540-2098

### Fun At Summer Bowl-A-Thon 2002



On July 22, three packs participated in our District Bowl-A-Thon at Hurst Bowl. Twenty-three cubs and parents had a great time bowling and, of course, eating!

Much thanks to packs 307, 320, and 333 for their support in participating in our first summertime District Bowl-A-Thon.

### **A Taste Of Scouting**

Wed. Oct.23, 2002 6:30 pm  
New National Scouting Museum.  
A Silent action and a presentation to Joe Hennig.  
(City Manager City of Euless )  
A Lifetime Scouting Achievement Award.  
Any Questions Contact Valerie Wallace-Glave  
817-540-2098 or v.j.wallace-glave@attbi.com

### **Cub Shootout**

This used to be called the Turkeyshoot, but the name had to be changed.

Nov. 16 & 17, 2002 Grapevine Police Range  
Contact Pat Hadley 817-267-4325

## **TWILIGHT CAMP CONGRATULATIONS and THANK YOU!**

Congratulations and thank you to the almost 200 volunteers who participated in this year's Twilight camp. You were a part of a great experience for the scouts. As a result of your efforts, almost 300 cub scouts participated in the fun and excitement of Cub Scout Camp where they had the opportunity to learn, earn achievements and still manage to have some fun.

The staff this year was great. You provided supervision for sports and crafts tirelessly and with an incredible spirit of giving to the joy and learning of the children. Even though it was hot and often challenging, you consistently came through with positive motivation and joy that resulted in a great experience for the children. Kudos goes to all of you who donned a toga during the week.

Through the efforts of the amazing chaperon's and dinnertime guest performers, the scouts became a part of cultures that were new to them. They were exposed to basic languages of their country, dances of various countries and music of various countries. They learned the flags of their countries and enjoyed the spirit associated with supporting a team and I believe everyone had a country cheer that they shared with us. And you did all this while ensuring that they scouts got to the right location, drank their water, kept up with their buddies, found their way back home and probably a million other things I'll never thank of.

A special thank you goes to all of you who tirelessly spent every week for the better part of five months pulling together a program that resulted in an impressive list of achievements for the scouts as well as a great memory of joy! You were remarkable! They are: program director Lori Packlick, our registrar and organizer Linda Hawks, our procurement and craft preparation specialists, and all

around "right hands," Judy Watson and Kate Watson. JaDonn thanks for all that spirit!

Finally, thanks to all of you who cracked tile, sawed wood, sewed flags, cut up sheets, glued flags to wooden dowels, hauled water, made flags, distributed crafts. The support staff of Boy Scouts and adults and the support from our District Executive and the volunteers at the council completed the circle. Without you, it just wouldn't have happened.

It truly takes a village to put on a twilight camp. Congratulations and thank you!

### **Twilight Camp Achievements**

#### Webelos Accomplishments:

- Physical Skills – Sportsman 1, 2, 4
- Mental Skills – Artist 5, 6, 7
- Mental Skills – Showman Music 2
- Mental Skills – Showman Drama 2, 3, 5
- Technology – Engineer 8

Belt Loops – BB, Archery, Ultimate, Soccer, Volleyball

#### Bear Achievements:

- 7b - Make a plaster casting
- 12d - Attend an outdoor event with your family.
- 15a - Play two outdoor games
- 15b - Play two organized games with you den.
- 22a - Tying it all up
- 22b - Tying it all up.
- 23a - Learn the rules and how to play 3 team sports.
- 23c - Take part in one team and on individual sport

#### Bear Electives:

- 9a - 12 electives Do an original art Project (you will need to show your projects at your pack meeting)
- 20a - Archery safety
- 4b - Play marbles sharpshooter.
- 4d - Play beanbag toss
- 4e - Play a game of marbles
- 11a - Sing Along
- 20c - Archery Safety Rules
- 20j - Show how to dribble and kick a soccer ball
- 22a - Say hello in a language other than English
- 22 b - Count to ten in a language other than English.

Belt Loops – BB, Archery, Ultimate, Soccer

#### Wolf Achievements

- 2a - Pledge allegiance
- 10a - Make a game . Play it with your family.
- 10b - Plan a walk. Go to a park or wooded area, or visit.

#### Wolf Electives:

- 1 - It's a Secret
- 4b - Play marbles sharpshooter.
- 4d - Play beanbag toss
- 4e - Play a game of marbles
- 11a - Sing Along
- 20c - Archery Safety Rules
- 20j - Show how to dribble and kick a soccer ball
- 22a - Say hello in a language other than English
- 22b - Count to ten in a language other than English.

Belt Loops: BB, Archery, Ultimate, Soccer, Marble

**Tiger Achievements:**

Belt Loops: BB, Archery, Ultimate, Soccer, Marble

**Camping**

Howard Scheffler 817-282-3004  
Bill Dodson 817-571-7437

We would like to request that anyone interested in participating on the Camping Committee to contact one of us. Otherwise, we get to go "recruiting." The best scenario for the camping committee would be to have a representative from each troop participate. This was discussed with several of the Scoutmasters at the Spring Camporee and all thought it a good approach. However, a good plan is just that, a plan. It will take participation and commitment to make the Camping Committee successful and productive. Remember, BSA programs are structured for boys, and camping is what they like to do best. Let's make our programs the very best that they can be. So, for everyone reading this column, please give some consideration to being your troop's representative.

The following information is tentative and will be confirmed in later columns:

Council Camporee: Nov. 1 – 3 Loc.: TBA

Rendezvous: Dec. 6 – 8 Loc.: Worth Ranch

Spring Camporee: Approx. April Loc.: TBA

We look forward to working with everyone and hope to have a great year. Please do not hesitate to contact either one of us with questions, comments, or suggestions.

Bill Dodson: bd1910@attbi.com

Howard Scheffler: hsbaker@airmail.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....

**Star Spangled Scouts**

On July 4th of this year, as every year, the City of Bedford held a parade as part of the day's celebrations. This year's parade included 34 business and community groups. Each group decorated their vehicles and floats in patriotic colors in celebration of our Independence Day.

Of the many participants Scouting was very well represented. One Boy Scout Troop (254), three Cub Scout Packs (407, 320, and 307) as well a Brownie Troop and Circle T Girl Scouts all marched in the parade.

Before the parade started 5 trophies were awarded for the best floats. Of that number two were given to Cub Scout Packs.

Pack 320 of Bedford was awarded the "Best for Children" trophy for their float which included a camping tableau. Pack 407 of Bedford, a perennial crowd favorite, was awarded the "Most Patriotic" trophy for a float festooned in red, white, and blue banners and carrying a living display of the Statue of Liberty.

Their efforts were obvious and were well rewarded. Summertime it may have been but all the Scout groups still made the effort to honor our Independence in a special way. To put it more succinctly: "Oh Yeah! Scouts rule!"

**??? Did You Know ???**

**District Trivia**

That your unit (Pack, Troop, Crew, or Varsity) is one of 50 units in the Roadrunner District, which comprises all of Hurst, Euless, and Bedford.

That the Roadrunner District is one of 18 districts in the Longhorn Council, which includes all of Tarrant County, plus 22 other counties in North Texas.

**Derby Trivia**

Ever attend a space derby or a pinewood derby? Ever wonder what the word derby means or where it came from?

Edward Smith Stanley, 12th Earl of Derby, was good friends with Sir Charles Bundury. Both enjoyed breeding horses. Together they founded a new horse race in 1780, a one-mile test of three-year-old thoroughbreds near Derby's country estate in Epsom, England. But before the first race could be held, it had to be named. Which founder should the race be named after – Bundury or Derby? They flipped a coin...and that's how the word derby came to mean a race.

**Resources For Advancement**

Other Resources for boys to earn Boy scout merit badges or Webelos activity pins.

Houston Museum of Natural Science offers the following merit badge classes at the museum.

Reptile and Amphibian Study, Geology, Archeology, Energy Merit Badge, Chemistry, Astronomy, Insect Study, and Bird Study.

The following Webelos activity pins are also offered: Engineer, Forester, Geologist, Scientist, and Naturalist.

For a schedule of classes and fees, go to <http://www.hmns.org>. Click on education, classes, Scouting at HMNS.

**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) mail: 1412 Shady Lane, #19, Bedford, TX 76021



**MAP TO NEW ROUNDTABLE LOCATION**

**St. Philip Presbyterian Church in Hurst**

745 West Pipeline Road, Hurst, TX 76053 (817) 282-9181

**Located off of Precinct Line & Pipeline**

