

ROADRUNNER



REPORTER

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

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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.

September, October and November 2002 Calendar Dates

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- 10 – Take Order Popcorn Kick-off
- 14 – Council Fall Canoe Race
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- 16-17 – District Cub Shootout
- 16 – Re-Charter Turn-In

Asst. District Chairman

Gloria Coyle 817-283-7148

Take Order Popcorn Sales Kickoff Is Next Week!!!

Thank you to the Boy Scouts from Troop 333 for helping at the warehouse during show n' sell!

Take Order Popcorn Kick-Off meeting will be Sept. 10th at 1st Baptist of Bedford Church 2045 Bedford Rd. Time: 6:30 pm.

JaDonn Hassinger – Popcorn Chairman
MsJaDonn@msn.com

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

Membership

This time of year our thoughts turn to membership. With school night rallies and boy talks in full swing, it is hard to think of anything else. In addition, re-charter looms on the horizon with all of its membership focus. This makes my thoughts turn to the change we are constantly experiencing in Scouting. People come and go, change units, or drop out all together. Membership rises or falls and the rosters constantly need to be updated. New leaders come on the scene and take jobs as the old



leaders step aside. Training methods and course syllabi are revised and new trainers implement them.

However, the one thing that never changes is the membership – funny, huh? It is comprised of passionate, committed individuals with a firm belief in Scouting’s foundational principals. People that believe that boys can grow into responsible adults with a belief in something bigger than themselves. People can believe in a code of conduct just because it makes them a better person. “On my honor I will do my best...” – these are not just words, and the people who live by them are not just Scouts and Scouters, but are members of a very special group.

So, as I ponder the new faces and names in the membership, I am reminded of one of my Father’s favorite sayings.... “The more things change, the more they stay the same”. I am sure he did not come up with it, but he sure drilled it into my head. In addition, I close with a favorite from a very dear friend “We’ll never be out of a job.

Charter Pickup and Training:

Saturday, October 5 9:00 am to 12:00 Noon

Place: St. Philip Presbyterian Church (corner of Pipeline and Precinct Line Road)

Charter Turn-In

Saturday, November 16 9:00 am to Whenever Done

Place: St. Philip Presbyterian Church

Training

Pat Wax

817-571-6776

TRAINING

Remember our district goal is to have 100% of all registered adults trained for their specific positions.

Cub Specific Training will be held on September 24th at 7:00pm. The location will be announced at Roundtable. Please check our website as well for further information.

Essentials Training for Cub and Boy Scout adult leaders will be available on Thursday, October 3rd at St. Philip Presbyterian Church (same night and location as District Roundtable). Registration will begin at 7:00 p.m. This is a change from the District calendar. Essential training is required as part of Cub Specific training and Scoutmaster Specific (Rocking Chair) training.

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, Bear Leaders, Cub Masters, and interested Committee Members to provide information and skills needed to conduct a successful outdoor program. For further information please call Mark Crowley (Course Director) at 817-283-3972 –or– Linda Jones at 817-267-5818.

Rocking Chair – Scoutmaster Specific training will be held on October 12th. Saturday, October 12 – 7:45 AM to 5:00 PM. Parc Place, 183 & Bedford Rd. in Bedford
Campout: Friday, October 25, 6:00 PM to Sunday October 27, Noon - Hill & Hollows Scout Camp, Denton

A prerequisite to taking Rocking Chair is Leader Essential Training. This 2 hour class is being offered Wednesday, October 2.

The Rocking Chair Staff has been assembled and is excited about a great learning experience and fun time. John Lawrence will be serving as Scoutmaster with Mike Stevens as Senior Patrol Leader.

Both sessions must be attended. Pre Registration is required. Applications are available at Roundtable and at the Bedford Scout Shop.

For information or questions call John Lawrence at 817-283-5079 or by email JohnLawrence@attbi.com

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. Fast Start may 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 or Committee Chairman contact Pat Wax.

Special awards (Knots) 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. After you complete all requirements please make two copies of your form. Keep one and turn in the original and a copy to Pat Wax at roundtable, or you may mail them to my home.

Pat Wax - District Training Chairman
817-571-6776 Pwax@acecashexpress.com

Youth Protection Training

This is the schedule for the rest of this year in the YPT department: 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 Family Camping Skills Day
September 28**

Located Fort Worth. Come to Camp Shuman and learn basic camping skills to make your outdoor adventures easier and more FUN!! Cub Scouts, families, and leaders are invited! (Also, November 3 in Waco.)



http://www.longhorncouncil.org/events01/flyers02/family_camping_skills02.pdf

Cub Scout Roundtable

Doug Bhatt

817-267-4970

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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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

817-685-0461

They line up, there's the snap, the ball is in play and the players jump in to action. Just like on the football field there is a time to get to business, and we are at that same time here in Scouting. Time to get in to action.

This is the time of year when most boys decide to join scouting. The numbers of youth that need to be served by the Cub Scouting program is greater now than ever. We each have an obligation to make sure that try to make it available to as many young men as we can.

In the world of Boy Scouting, we try to always leave each campsite better than we found it. In life, we should all strive for that same goal and leave it better by helping as many youth as we can in Scouting.

This rally year is off to a great start and we must maintain that push to get the number of registered youth as high as possible by the annual recharter. Lets keep up the steam and start working early to recharter our existing scouts as early as possible.

"Recruit and Retain" should be the GOAL of each unit out there. Have a Great Scouting Day.

2003 Registration Fee Increase

Effective January 1, 2003, the Boy Scouts of America will increase its annual registration fee from \$7 to \$10 for traditional members. This increase will affect youth and adults registering in packs, troops, teams, crews, and ships, as well as council employees and council and district volunteers.

In 1996, the National Executive Board authorized the officers to raise the fees by no more than \$3 per member. However, the organization did not implement this fee increase, and, instead, successfully fought to hold costs down for the past six years. We are now at a point where implementation of the fee increase is necessary to support the strategic plan of the Boy Scouts of America, including traditional membership growth, leadership, Scoutreach, financial development for local councils, and marketing and strategic positioning goals.

The \$10 prorated fee will be effective for any traditional membership (recharter, new, additional registration, etc.) with a membership effective date of January 1, 2003, or later. For membership with an effective date of December 1, 2002, the \$7 prorated fee will apply.

The future success of the Scouting movement depends on its continued ability to provide local councils with the highest level of service possible. This increase will ensure that the support needed will be there as you deliver the promise of Scouting to the youth of your communities.

Boy Scout Advancement

John Lawrence

817-283-5079

New Eagle Project And Eagle Board Of Review Procedures

There are two copies of the new procedures in the Boy Scouts Troop folders. The largest changes if that the Eagle Project approvals and Eagle Boards will once again be held once a month, on the fourth Thursday. See the procedures for details and deadlines. Make sure to share with information with your Life Scouts, so that they may plan accordingly.

New Eagles

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

Jayven Fults	Troop 343
David Parks	Troop 387
Mehmood Charania	Troop 758
Michael Duncan	Troop 387

Eagle Information and Procedures

The following items may be obtained by automated email.

Eagle Project and Board of Review Procedures
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

October 4-6 Lodge 50th Anniversary Conclave if any one interested contact Jeffrey Doggett. Tickets are \$20. Everyone that attends get a special edition back patch.

Jeffrey Doggett - Wopalone Chapter Adviser 817-692-3435 sportmed512000@yahoo.com

Relationships

Jim Richmond

817-581-9013

The next Charter Representative training is going to be Oct 3rd, 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.

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, 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

Activities

Valerie Glave

540-2098

Scouting for Food

As I rather quickly stated at the last Roundtable, Scouting for Food will be the first two weeks in February. Yes, that's right, were back to the old schedule. But we will continue to have you deliver your donations to a local food bank of your choice!

Please remember that there are numerous food banks in Tarrant County. I am working on compiling a list and will provide each unit with a copy. If you have a special one that you want to be sure is on the list, please send me their information (name, address, contact person - if you have one). Our hopes are that the Roadrunner units will spread out over several food banks this year.

We are still working on getting bags. As more information is available I will provide it to you. If you have any questions in the meantime, please let me know. Brenda J. West mbcwestern@aol.com, or brenda.west@tyc.state.tx.us 817.581.9612 (hm) 817.378.2137 (wk) 214.344.2771 (pager)

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

Cost: \$3.00 for each boy.

Will take registration at Sept., Oct., and Nov. Roundtables.

Council Camporee

Texas Motor Speedway hosts the "America's Future- Be Prepared" Council Camporee over the weekend of



November 1-3, 2002. With more than 6,000 Scouts and Scouters expected, the weekend looks to be the largest en-masse camp-out in the history of the Longhorn Council.

The preliminary program for the Camporee is packed full of challenging events, exciting shows and spectacular demonstrations. NASCAR driver training also is set for Saturday, and Scouts are invited to fill the grandstand between Camporee events.

Registration fee is \$15.00 per person; HOWEVER, units pre-registering by Tuesday, October 15, will receive a \$3.00 per person registration discount (Only \$12.00 per person registration).

Flyer:

http://www.longhorncouncil.org/events01/council_camporee.htm

Fall Canoe Race 2002

Spend a day on the river at the annual Fall Canoe Race! Parent-Youth Teams Welcome!

Intermediate Race: 6 miles Advanced Race: 14 miles

Choose a Race on the Scenic Brazos River at Worth Ranch: A 6-mile Intermediate Race for any swimmer or a 14-mile Advanced Race for experienced canoeists only. All Boy Scouts, Venturers, Explorers, and Adults are invited. Fee includes Boats, Gear, T-shirts, Lunch, Awards, & Dinner! Any Boy Scout, Varsity Team or Venture Crew member, or adult may enter. All participants must be swimmers. Flyer:

http://www.longhorncouncil.org/events01/canoe_races/fall_canoe_race.htm

- When: Saturday, September 14th, 2001
- Where: Worth Ranch in Palo Pinto

Cub Scout Fall Festival and Haunted Hayrides

Our Cub Scout Haunted Hayrides are back!! It's Family Fun for your entire Den or Pack. Hot Dog supper, Festival Games, and our cool Haunted Hayrides, PLUS BB Guns, Archery, Pumpkin Patch, and Campfire! The whole family can join the fun! Every October Weekend at Sid Richardson Scout Ranch (SR2): Oct. 5, 12, 19, & 26. At Camp Jim Braley: Oct. 19 & 26. Flyer:

<http://www.longhorncouncil.org/events01/flyers02/fallfest02.pdf>

Score-O Orienteering Meet Saturday, October 19, 2002

Score-O is a fast-paced, exciting Orienteering competition - the Longhorn Council's most popular event with 2508 competitors in 2001 and over 2200 each of the last five years! Your team gets a SCORE-O map half an hour before the race starts. You plan your strategy to find the most flags and score the maximum point total possible in 4 hours! The 2002 course will again have multiple water refill points with large portable 400 gallon water tanks. For teams of Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Venturers, Explorers and adults. New for 2002: Cub Scout camping is allowed for groups traveling a long distance.

<http://www.longhorncouncil.org/orienteering/scoreo.htm>

2002 Haunted House at Six Flags over Texas

A couple of hours skulking around the Longhorn Council's new-bigger-better haunted house, showing park patrons what real "Ghoul-Scouts" can do: and your entire group can enjoy Six Flags Over Texas for FREE! For anyone 14 years old and over.

Team Extreme Race Moved to October 5

Choose a fun short race or a longer competitive race. Teams of 2-4 Boy Scouts, Venturers, and adults may enter. Individual racers are also welcome to enter! Units may enter as many teams as they like. Teams consist of 2, 3, or 4 participants from the same division, youth or adult. Team members split up the race legs: Running, Canoeing, Kayaking, and Mountain Biking legs, and a tower Climb.

The race will be held at Sid Richardson Scout Ranch on Saturday, October 5th, 2002. Two Courses: Intermediate short race and a longer Advanced Race. The race will start EARLY at 8:30 a.m. and run during the cooler morning hours. Racers and Teams must check in and drop off their bikes on time in order to participate. Race registration is first come – first served.

The canoe leg will consist of one boat per team, with two canoeists. Teams and individual racers must provide their own clothing, footwear, mountain bike, and bike helmet (required) for the race. (Some mountain bikes with helmets will be available for rental at \$5.00 each.)

Flyer:

http://www.longhorncouncil.org/events01/team_extreme01/index.htm

Tiger Cub Adventure Day

October 5: Tiger Cub Adventure Day- Bear Creek Park in Euless. Have fun, play games, and make crafts in a wonderful outdoor setting. Saturday afternoon, 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM at Bear Creek Park in Euless.

Flyer:

http://www.longhorncouncil.org/events01/flyers02/tigercub_advday02.pdf

Summer Camp 2003

The 2003 Camps and Programs Leader's Guide will be mailed to Scoutmasters and Crew Advisors in the 3rd week of August. New camp programs will include a Ranger Award camp week for Venture Crew members, and a weeklong wakeboarding specialty camp designed to take boarding skills to intermediate and advanced.

New weekend programs include the 2003 Klondike Derby, a Venture Living History weekend, and a Venturing Highland Games and Canoe Weekend.

Derby Day – October 26

For all Cub Scout Dens: Chariot Derby, Space Derby, Rain Gutter Regatta, and Pushmobile Derby! This is a den activity.



http://www.longhorncouncil.org/events01/flyers02/derby_day02.pdf

Longhorn Council Cub Scout Pow-Wow And University Of Scouting

A tentative date for this is November 9th, 2002. Advanced training for all Den and Pack leaders to make your meetings and outings more FUN for you and your boys. Information will be out soon!

And for those of you that can never get enough of these Pow-Wow's, here's another one that you can add to your list!!! Circle 10 also holds a Pow-Wow every year as well. For more information, here is a link to the flyer for their information. I know I'M going to both!!!

http://circle10.org/docs/pw/pow_wow_2002.pdf

Cub Scout Trout-O-Ree - December 14

Trout fishing tournaments for Cub Scouts in Camp Tahuaya's cold spring-fed lake. Each Trout-O-Ree will start at dawn and end at 4:00 PM. Prizes are awarded in numerous categories for each parent - son Trout-O-Ree team. Fishing must be done from the bank at Tahuaya Lake. A hot dog lunch, a tournament patch, and a limit of 5 trout is included for every registered participant.

CUB-O 2002 – December 28

It's a fast, exciting, and FUN orienteering competition at Sid Richardson Scout Reservation! You'll have 40 flags marked on the map and you've got to find them out in the field! Flags are worth 10, 20, or 30 points, depending on how hard they are to find. Your Den team gets a CUB-O map one-hour before the race starts so you can plan your strategy to score the most points in 2 hours! Lunch in the Dining Hall is included. You'll stay warm 'cause you'll stay moving! Family camping is permitted both Friday and Saturday on request. Over 1200 participated in 2001!

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

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

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....

Volunteers Are Needed!!!

Volunteers are needed to help clean up the Trinity River, its tributaries and surrounding lakes at the Trinity Trash Bash 2002. The event will be held Sat. September 21, 2002 from 9:00 am to Noon. The area closest to Roadrunner District will be Grapevine Lake. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. at Dove Park, from there you will receive maps of locations to pick up trash. To get to Dove Park, take 121 north to William D. Tate exit; continue north to Northwest Hwy; Left on Northwest Hwy to Park Blvd.; Right to Dove Park. Register at Casey's Club House.

Will be provided: trashbags, gloves, caps, and patches to scout groups ,plus lunch and door prizes.

To register please call: Marion Breckken 817-481-3294

