



ROADRUNNER REPORTER

"THERE'S NOTHING STRONGER THAN THE HEART OF A VOLUNTEER"

Council Website: www.longhorncouncil.org
 District Website: www.roadrunnerdistrict.org
 Resource Website: www.scouting.com

SPECIAL DATES OF INTEREST:

NOVEMBER

- 11-03 - Roundtable
- 11-04 - Popcorn Take-order Turn In
- 11-04/06 – Scoutmaster OLS, Webelos OLS
- 11-05 – Cub Scout Fun Day
- 11-12 – Cub Scout Leader Pow-Wow
- 11-17 – Eagle Board of Review Precert
- 11-18/19 – Popcorn Pickup
- 11-18/20 – Roadrunner Rendezvous
- 11-30 – Recharter Training

ACTIVITIES

2005 Take Order Popcorn

All take-order popcorn orders by unit kernels must be placed WITH COUNCIL OFFICE BY NOVEMBER 4, 2005.

POPCORN pickup will be on Friday and Saturday, November 18 and 19, 2005.

Times for pickup will be given to unit kernels.

We have 31 units participating, so we expect all units to bring extra helpers with them when picking up popcorn. Be prepared to pull your own order.

Remember, children are not allowed in warehouse. They must remain in the car if you bring them.

Questions: Gloria 817-283-7148 or Jana 817-282-6272

Cub Scout Safe Shoot

On October 22 and 23 Roadrunner District ran its annual cub safe shoot giving cub scouts safety instruction and practice shooting in both BB gun and Archery

At the Grapevine Police Range.

Chaired by Pat Hadley for the last 4 years, this event has been taking place for the last 15+ years.

148 cub scouts participated from the following 16 of 25 packs in our district. Packs: 22, 86, 220, 253, 254, 307, 320, 333, 348, 383, 387, 407, 500, 509, 546, and 757.

Much thanks to Pat Hadley and his volunteers, namely the scouts and scouters of Troop 324 and Troop 340.

These scouts and scouters picked up the necessary equipment, set it up Friday evening; was at the police range all day Saturday until the last cub scout shot his bb gun/ and or bow.

And then these scouts and scouters returned Sunday until the last cub went through the ranges; then took down the dining flies, ranges, signs, etc.; returned equipment trailer to camp.

It needs to be noted, that very few of these volunteers have cub scouts. Therefore, it is with

Great gratitude that each one know how much they are appreciated.

Gloria Coyle, District Vice Chair

National Scouting Museum

Scientist Activity badge for Webelos, Where: National Scouting Museum, Dates are as follows: Saturday:

October 1, 2005 ,Sunday: October 30, 2005 ,Saturday: December 3, 2005 ,Sunday: December 11, 2005 ,Saturday Workshop times 10:30, 12:00, 1:30 and 3:00pm. ,Sunday Times are 1:30 and 3:00pm Each workshop takes approximately one hour. The \$6.00 workshop fee includes the

\$5.00 Scout admission fee to the scouting museum. Any adults accompanying the boys will pay the \$5.00. See www.longhorncouncil.org for mor information.

CAMPING

Roadrunner Rendezvous

Roadrunner Rendezvous is November 18, 19 and 20 at Worth Ranch. As is traditional, all Troops in Roadrunner District are encouraged to invite second year Webelos Dens to attend the Rendezvous. This year's theme is "The Gathering" and the afternoon will be filled with a Round Robin of international games and an international Pot Luck Supper with each troop cooking an international dish that will feed the number of people in their unit who are attending the Rendezvous. Late payment after deadline is \$6. Registration still being accepted. For more information contact Jim Tomlinson at 817-354-6632 or jbothom@sbcglobal.net.

TRAINING

Hello Fellow Roadrunners,

A big thanks to the staff for NLE / SMS course last weekend. Bill Harrison, Bill Dodson, Mark Crowley, Tony Wooten, Peter Filidoro, Joe Robertson. Huge Thanks as well to the 28 Adult Scouters who gave up the day to become trained.

As we say in Scouting: "Every boy deserves a trained leader". Well, the second part of this course may not materialize this coming weekend. We have a last minute shortage of Trainers from all surrounding Districts. Four Winds courses typically enjoy an abundance of Staff, not the case this year. For whatever reasons our OLS course is short 3 Troop Guides, and 3 instructors, Backpacking, Cooking and Map and Compass. The course is taking place at Camp Shuman and we are in need of your help. Between Lakeview and Roadrunner we are sending 25 people or 3 Patrols to this training and they will not get what they need without your help. We would have six patrols in total that would need to learn each skill taught in OLS.

I know many of you already give more time to Scouting than I do. However as trainers someone gave of their time to train me. I appreciate that effort and several of us try to give back. I know all of you do as well.

I would hate to have the second half of this course fail. If you have the time and the skill please contact me asap. If you know someone who can help let me know. Four Winds does charge the instructor 10.00 dollars to attend and serve (FOOD). I will be glad to pay your fee should you be able to make yourself available.

I hope we are not reaching or have reached the point in our Scouting lives where there is so much to do that we do not have any more time to give. I hope that in an effort to keep a contin-

ued flow of activities to retain our youth that we not taxed our volunteers to the point where they have to choose. At this point I would be the only one going. This are just simple observations, I thank all of you for all you do in Scouting, may you enjoy a wonderful holiday Season

Please feel free to contact me with any questions,
YIS, Peter Riddlebarger
Roadrunner District Training Chairman 817-605-9846

Combined Lakeview/Roadrunner Training

November 2005

Scoutmaster Outdoor Leader Skills (Roadrunner Lead)
Friday-Sunday, November 4-6 – Camp Shuman
Outdoor Webelos Leader Training (Roadrunner Lead)
Friday-Saturday, November 4-5 – Camp Shuman

February 2006

Scoutmaster Specifics (Lakeview Lead)
Saturday, February 18, 8am – Location TBD
Baloo Training (Roadrunner Lead)
Saturday, February 25, 8am – Woodland Heights Baptist Church, Bedford

March 2006

Scoutmaster Outdoor Leader Skills (Lakeview Lead)
Friday-Sunday, March 3-5 – Hills and Hollows, Denton
Outdoor Webelos Leader Training (Lakeview Lead)
Friday-Saturday, March 3-4 – Hills and Hollows, Denton

May 2006

Cub Scout NLS and Leader Specific Training (Roadrunner Lead)
Saturday, May 13, 9am – New Council office
Troop Committee Challenge (Roadrunner Lead)
Saturday, May 13, 9am – Location TBD

Cub Scout Leader Pow-Wow

November 12, 2005, at the TCC NE Campus, 828 Harwood Road, Hurst Cost \$10
<http://www.longhorncouncil.org/training/pow-wow/pow-wow.htm> for more information.

ONLINE COURSES

Youth Protection (in English and Spanish)
Fast Start is now available

ORDER OF THE OA

Hello my fellow arrow men,

I hope that this article finds everyone doing well. I would like to welcome those members who have reactivated their memberships and joined our chapter. There seems to some confusion about how Order of the Arrow members who have been inactive for several years or have moved here from some other part of the country or world can become active again. I have had several people tell me that they use to be in the Order of the Arrow when they where a boy or in some other lodge. I want everyone to know that when you become a member of the OA you are always a member of the OA. You are a member for life. You only become an inactive member. To become active again all you need to do is pay the current dues. There are no back dues. You just fill out a registration form and pay the dues for the current year. You will then be issued a new membership card and that's all there is to it. You are a current active member. The current dues will expire on December 31, 2005 and the new dues for the 2006-year will be due on January 1, 2006. The dues are \$10.00 per year and they are not prorated. I have been in contact with the lodge and have been authorized to register anyone who

online for Cub Scout, Boy Scout and Venturing Leaders. Safely Afloat Training
Safe Swim Defense Training
<http://www.longhorncouncil.org/training/default.htm> For all online training

would like to reactivate their membership now for the 2006 year. So anyone who wants to reactivate their membership now can do so for \$10.00 and I will issue their membership cards, which will not expire until December 31, 2006. This means you will get a 14-month membership for the price of a 12-month membership. This also goes for any current members who want to renew their membership now. (Their dues will be good until December 31, 2006). I will always have registration forms and membership cards with me at all Boy Scout functions. I will also have the new lodge flap patches for \$5.00 each.

I want to remind everyone again to fill the ceremony request forms as soon as you have the dates of your Bridging, Arrow of light or any other ceremonies you would like our ceremony team to perform so me can get you on the calendar. The request forms can be found on the Roadrunner district web site under the Order of the Arrow link. If you have any problems or questions please contact me and we will get it taken care of.

Until we meet again, stay safe
Yours in Brotherhood
Tony Wooten-Chapter Advisor

BOY SCOUT ADVANCEMENT

Happy Thanksgiving Everyone. It is amazing how fast this year has gone. Either that or I am just getting old.

Please congratulate the following Eagle candidates for passing their Eagle Board of Review. Hunter Scheffler, Troop 254; David Cabrera, Troop 387, and Casey Zak, Troop 387.

In case you did not receive the email there will not be District Merit Badge College in January.

Please note Very Important Date changes for November and December. Because of the holidays Eagle Board of Reviews and Precerts will take place on November 17 and December 15. All packets MUST be in by Roundtable or Earlier—No Exceptions. Thank you and please let your scouts know this information.

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Doug Bhatt
District Advancement Chairman
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MEMBERSHIP

Re-Charter Training and Packet Delivery set for November 30. In 2005 the Longhorn Council went to on line electronic Re-Chartering and overall the process went very well. From this time forward all re-chartering will be done electronically. It is Very Important for each Pack, Troop, Team and Crew that Re-charters in December to complete the Online Chartering process by November 30. Please print out two copies of your corrected Charter and bring them along with the Quality Unit and Commissioner's form and a blank unit check to the turn-in at St. Philip Presbyterian Church on Wednesday, November 30 between 7 and 8:30 PM. For more information call Bill Harrison, District Commissioner at 817-283-8052.

Most of you should have received this by e-mail, but for those of you that didn't, here are some ideas on recruiting new members:

Cub Fun Day - this weekend at Tarrant County College - Northeast Campus the Council will be holding it's annual Cub Fun Day. Since the event is being conducted in our "own backyard", we are going to use the opportunity to recruit new boys into Cub Scouts. A flyer has been delivered to ALL elementary schools in the HEB area inviting a boy to attend. If the boys in your Pack could talk the event up to their friends, it would be a great way to expose boys and their parents to some of the fun we have!

PTA meetings - when was the last time your Pack or Troop went to a PTA meeting to conduct their flag ceremony, or to even attend in uniform so they can see that we are still around?

School newsletters - have you contacted the school to have an article put in the local school newsletter about Scouting? - yes, we have done recruitments in the Elementary Schools, but did those flyers make it home?? Besides, that's another reminder to the parents that we are here.

Has your Unit considered having a "Bring a Friend" night. One where each boy in your Unit is to ask someone from their school to come to a

COMMISSIONERS CORNER

Scouters,

The online re-charter process activates this month. All units have been provided an access code with their re-charter packets. If you lose the access code, both Gale and I have them as a backup. The goal is to have the process complete and a hard copy signed and delivered with a check on November 30th. Cub Scout Fun Day, an action-filled day of over 30 activities, has moved to Tarrant County College NE campus. The event is intended to help recruit boys to Cub Scouting. Cub leaders, invite potential new recruits to attend with your dens this Saturday, November 5th. May you all have a blessed Thanksgiving. YIS, Bill Harrison—Roadrunner District Commissioner

meeting. It DOES NOT have to be a recruitment meeting, more of an open house set-up. Let them see what your Unit does. Hopefully, they will "ask" to join you.

Invite a boy and his parent to attend a Scout function. Did you know that a boy can attend ONE scouting function without being a member of BSA! We understand that there has been some confusion in the past regarding this, but you can invite a boy to attend one single scouting function and insurance will cover.

Parents invite Parents! Without parents we would never have Scouting. Have the parents in your Unit invite a parent of a Scout eligible boy to a dinner or a dessert and coffee - if your Scouters are old enough let them do the cooking and serve the parents. Expose the parents to what Scouting is about!

If you will just let us or Gale Follett know when you will be

RECOGNITION

Charles Powell, President of Bank of Texas, to be honored as Roadrunner District Distinguished Citizen'

Charlie Powell, longtime supported of Scouting in Northeast Tarrant County and a Life Scout is this year's Roadrunner Distinguished Citizen. A Reception will be held in Charlie's honor on Thursday, November 17, 2005 at 7:00PM at the National Scouting Museum in Irving, Texas. For more information or tickets call Gale Follett at 817-231-8527.

Venturing Crew 324

The five Venturing Crew 324 members who recently earned their Outdoor Bronze Award are Matt Bye, Sam Kaiser and Matt Myers, which have been with the Crew for 2 years, Caroline Cremer and Erica Savage, which have been with the Crew for 1 year. Each one of the Crewmembers is working towards the Ranger Award. A few were surprised that they earned an award since they were having so much fun. We currently have nine active members and the Crew is always looking for new Recruits.

Our Venturing Crew has come

having another recruitment night, flyers can be provided! You can contact either us at any of the e-mails or phone numbers below or Gale Follett, Senior District Executive at 817-231-8527, bsaroadrunner@aol.com.

Have a Great Scouting day!

YIS,
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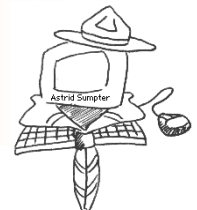
Boy Scout Roundtable—

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NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS—

Submissions for each newsletter will be due no later than the Saturday evening before Roundtable. Submissions are subject to editing and approval of the District DE, Chairman, and Commissioner. News of coming events, unit successes, helpful suggestions, sites or resources, etc. are all welcome. Please submit to Astrid Sumpter by e-mail <astridsumpter@hotmail.com>, or by phone (hm: 817-283-0880).



NOVEMBER 2005 CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3 Roundtable	4 Popcorn Order Turn In	5 Scoutmaster OLS, Webelos OLS Cub Scout Fun Day
6 Scoutmaster OLS, Webelos OLS	7	8	9	10 District Committee Meeting	11	12 Cub Scout Leader Pow-Wow
13	14	15	16	17 District Commis- sioners Meeting Eagle Board of Review Precert	18 Popcorn Pickup Roadrunner Ren- dezvous	19 Popcorn Pickup Roadrunner Ren- dezvous
20 Roadrunner Rendezvous	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30 Recharter Training			