



ROADRUNNER REPORTER

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

SPECIAL DATES OF INTEREST:

DECEMBER

01-Roundtable
 08-Committee/Commissioner
 Dinner
 26-30 - Winter Merit Badge
 Camp

JANUARY

05-Roundtable
 07-OA Dinner

ACTIVITIES

Popcorn News

Gloria and I want to Thank all the Troops, Crews and Packs for a Spectacular Take-order Popcorn sale. Roadrunner District was one of only a handful of Districts that improved on their selling this year! Our hats off to you! Be sure and get your money turned in by December 9th to the council office so you are not penalized for being late. We want to especially Thank all the hard working Unit Kernels for all their efforts to get the orders in on time and the money collected. It is a pleasure working with each and every one of you! Looking forward to next year and even more success! If we can be of any help just let us know.

Gloria Coyle & Jana Robertson

To All District Committee And Commissioners

We will meet at SPRINGCREEK BBQ in IRVING, TX. for our annual holiday get-together, instead of our regular district committee meeting on Thursday, December 8, 2005.

We will meet at 6:30 p.m.
 Spouses are welcome.

Dinner is at your own cost. SpringCreek will provide cobbler and drink (coffee/tea/soft drinks)

Please call Gloria by Tuesday, Dec. 6 if you plan to attend.
 817-283-7148 or
lgcoyle@sbcglobal.net

SPRINGCREEK BBQ 3514 WEST AIRPORT FREEWAY - South service road S/W CORNER HWY 183 AND BELTLINE ROAD IRVING, TX.

1- 972-313-0987

CAMPING

Roadrunner Rendezvous 2005

The Rendezvous November 18th - 20th was great. We had 115 Scouts and Scouters in attendance. The weather couldn't have been better. There were also Webelos that camped for the week end and others came for the day. The games were great and everyone enjoyed eating together that Saturday evening.

"Best Campsite" was the only competition that week end. Troop 253 took First Place; Troop 324 took Second Place, and Troop 161 took Third Place.

I would like to thank the Camping Committee for the outstanding job. Thanks to Gale, too, for all her support. Thanks to Troop 332 for Campfire; to OA for the opening campfire ceremony; Troops 333 and 324 for Flag Ceremonies. A special thanks to Tom Taylor for conducting the chapel program and to Denise Taylor for organizing the camp inspection.

We would like to encourage all units to attend the Spring Camporee in April.

Thanks to everyone for a great Rendezvous.

Jim Thomason
 Camping Committee Chairman
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BOY SCOUT ROUNDTABLE

For those who have not been attending, you have missed some real fun. Last month, Dave Kaiser did a presentation on utensil-less cooking and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. The Webelos leaders joined us in this hands-on exercise.

The agenda for through April has been distributed at a couple of the meetings and is built around subjects that everyone indicated they wanted to cover. In addition, we are building quite a chorus in learning scout songs that we sing at each session.

Please feel free to let me know if there are any particular items you wish to have covered in future meetings. Additionally, if you desire to share your expertise in any particular item in the agenda, please feel free to let me know - I am not a stage hog!

YIS, Tim Rogers Boy Scout Roundtable Commissioner

TRAINING

Cub Scout Training

The holidays are upon us. But before I get too wrapped up in the holidays I want to thank you of you that attended trainings this fall for taking the time and for giving your time for the boys. That is the reason we are involved.

The training team hopes we have made your jobs a little easier to carry out this year.. I want to thank all the trainers involved this year in putting on the trainings. I couldn't do without you.

I am looking to Spring 2006. We start off the training with BALOO on February 25th. So line up your volunteers in charge of your next Pack Family Camping weekend and send them to training.

Check the District Calendar and put training dates on your personal calendar. Please encourage all your leaders to get trained for their positions. Every boy deserves a trained leader.

If you have been to Wood Badge and changed positions in your Pack or Troop you still need to be trained for your new position. If you haven't been to Wood Badge it is a "mountain top" experience in Scouting. You can see anyone that has attended Wood Badge to get more information or go to www.longhorncouncil.org.

If you have questions about Cub Scout Trainings you can e-mail me jamie.mccallum@phschool.com or call me (817)284-1032.

YIS, Jamie McCallum

Combined Lakeview/Roadrunner Training

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

ONLINE COURSES

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

CUB SCOUT ROUNDTABLE

Seasons Greetings,

Scouting was called a, "Game with a Purpose," by Lord Baden Powell. It is our job as Cub Scout Leaders to let the parents in our Pack know about this. We as trained leaders learn about the Aims and Methods of Scouting. If we don't share this vital information with parents then it is too easy for the family to become too busy to come to stay involved in Cub Scouting. The boys do not need to be reminded or even told that the Aims of Scouting are character development, citizenship training and development of personal fitness, their parents do.

It is also our job as Cub Scout Leaders to use the Methods of Scouting to keep the program fresh, fun and interesting to the boys and their families. One of the most important methods is incorporated into Scouting Ideals... The Law of the Pack, The Cub Scout Promise and Motto. Dens are our opportunity to provide positive peer pressure where it will do the most good. Outdoor programs is one of the biggest reasons boys join in the first place. Let families know about additional activities, like the Family Camping Adventures, in your Pack Newsletter. Keep Advancement happening year round. Remind parents that it is always a good idea to know well the adults their children associate with. Last but not least is the uniform. Take pride in wearing your uniform correctly and teach the boys to do the same. I am sure I probably left out something in my quick list of methods of Scouting. Can you figure it out? Let me know? I might have a prize.
Yours In Scouting, Theresa Hubert

ORDER OF THE ARROW

Hello my fellow OA members,

I hope that everyone had a good Thanksgiving holiday. I would like to thank out second ceremony team for stepping up and conducting the opening ceremony for our Saturday night campfire program at the Winter Rendezvous. This was their first time to perform a ceremony as a new team and I think they did a real good job! Igor, Josh, AJ, and Gus NICELY GONE GENTLEMEN!! I look forward to your next ceremony. I would like to remind everyone that we will be conducting our

chapter elections at the December round table meeting, so I would like to request that as many of our youth members as possible please join us in our meeting to help elect our officers for the next year.

The second annual Netopolis Sipo Schipinachk Lodge Banquet will be on January 7, 2006 at the First UMC, 315 East Elm in Hillsboro, Tx. at 6:30pm. This year we will not be selling ticket. There is a per registration form on the Order of the Arrow link at the council web page for those wanting to attend. The cost is \$12.00 per person and all OA members and guest are welcome to attend. You can pay at the door but you will be subject to being served after those who have pre registered are served. There will also be patches, t-shirt, and other lodge items on sale. Our first banquet was very nice. I encourage everyone who can to try to attend.

Again I would like to remind all troops and packs to get your request for ceremonies and unit elections in to us as soon as you get your dates set so we can place you on our calendar. We are the "Brotherhood of Cheerful Service" and we are here to serve you.

Tony Wooten
Chapter Advisor
Woaplanne Chapter

Hello Scouters—I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanks-

BOY SCOUT ROUNDTABLE

giving and are well into preparing for the upcoming joyful holiday.

Please congratulate Landry Lewis from Troop 387 and James Fudge from Troop 346

on passing their Eagle Board of Review. Don't forget that Eagle Boards and Precerts this month will be on Thursday, December 15. See you next month at Roundtable

BSTBP Doug Bhatt
District Advancement Chairman
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For those scouts who have the desire to camp this season,

COMMISSIONERS CORNER

the Council is sponsoring a Winter Merit Badge Camp starting on Monday, Dec. 26th through Friday Dec 30th at Sid Richardson. See the Council website for more details.

I hope everyone turned in their charter papers yesterday. If there were problems, they need to be corrected ASAP. We hope all units will qualify as Quality Units this year, so you will need to re-charter on time!

Wow, Christmas 2005 is just around the corner! I wish you all a blessed holiday season, and a great New Year.

YIS, Bill Harrison
Roadrunner District Commissioner

Volunteers for Santa USA

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Dec 17 – Pat May Center.
Need help to Setup/Cleanup lunch from 11am-1:30pm

Dec 18 - Pat May Center.
Need help to Setup/Cleanup lunch from 10:30am-1pm

Cub Scouts/Boy Scouts would like to attend on Dec 10, we will be doing Wish With Wings in Arlington and can use kids

to cheer up terminally ill children.

Contact Info: Judie Watson 817-282-0496

Tis The Season!

Some of you may have heard of Christmas Providers. Christmas Providers was created more than 20 years ago to help Christmas wishes come true for children in the Birdville and H-E-B ISD. Christmas Providers has a client list of 473 families and have only matched 240 families as of 11/29/05 and are looking for kind souls to lend a hand.

School Nurses choose what families go on the list and then that list is submitted to Christmas Providers. The phone lines are open until they reach 500 families or December 9th.....but this year since less than half of the families that have already called in for help have been matched we may need to close the phone lines early.

Each family fills out a packet with sizes and needs and even the adults are coaxed into requesting some personal gift for themselves.

Requirements for anyone wanting to adopt a family ONE WRAPPED GIFT per family member and meat for a Christmas dinner. Buying extras is allowed and the remainder of the holiday meal is supplied through donations sorted at the First United Methodist Church of Hurst. Arrangements are made and then delivered.

Every day the volunteers hear stories that would melt the heart of the coldest Scrooge: A family last week whose entire house burned, leaving nothing. A volunteer who works the phones in efforts to give back because of what she has received for her son who dealt with cancer. A child living in Haltom City trailer who needs a wheelchair because of muscular dystrophy. If adopting a family is too much, donations of cash or food gift certificates will help too.

The phone number to adopt a family is (817) 503-0529. We have families of a parent with one child on up to families that are now living together due to the hurricanes.

Greetings from Pack 320!

It's been a great scouting

RECOGNITION / OTHER

year! We celebrated the 75th anniversary of Cub Scouting many times! In interviewing a few Cub Scouts, they name their highlights as the Pack's Pinewood Derby; the May Scout Show (climbing rope bridges), Cub O, and the fall Safe Shoot. Our summer program had lots to offer for fun activities. Twilight Camp was awesome! One first year Webelo even went to two Resident Camps!

We appreciated opportunities to camp with the Boy Scouts of Hurst Troop 324 with a favorite being the January Rocket Camp. A workshop on rocket building got us prepared with some decorated high-soaring rockets.

Service projects were mixed in during the year with Scouting for Food and weeding projects at our charter church, First United Methodist of Hurst. This fall, the Bear den and two second-year Webelo patrols weeded and planted pansies at two areas at the church that look really great. We wish all our scouting friends a wonderful New Year in 2006! Pack 320 of Hurst

Troop 254.....Scouting For Food

On Saturday October 29th, Troop 254 collected 4000 pounds of food for the Trinity Food Bank. The Trinity Food Bank was very excited to see us show up with so much food since their cupboards were virtually empty. We delivered bags on the 24th during a troop meeting. The following Saturday we collected ALL that food, sorted it and boxed it up for the food bank. We

collected so much food that all of it would not fit in their pantry. It was an exciting morning for those that helped out during this very important event for our community.

Trinity Food Bank is located in Bedford on Central Drive and they take care of people in need in our immediate area. They are open each Saturday morning and our troop assists them on the last Saturday of each month. You may also take canned goods any Saturday, no donation is too small!

This is what Scouting is all about, **Do a Good Turn Daily!**

Venturing Crew 324

Four Venturing Crew 324 members recently attended the Roadrunner Rendezvous. Amanda Cooper, Caroline Cremer, Erica Savage, and Courtney Sutton backpacked up Kyle Mountain and spent the night in Hugo's Crack. The Crew made gourmet noodles on their backpacking stove. Each one of the Crewmembers is working towards the Ranger Award. We currently have nine active members and the Crew is always looking for new Recruits.

Venturing Crew 324 meets Mondays at St. Phillip Presbyterian Church 745 Pipeline Rd at 7:30 pm. The Crew Advisor is Jody Piper any questions contact (817) 268-3195 or jody-yavon@charter.net.

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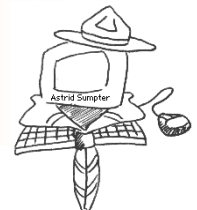
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NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS—

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).



DECEMBER 2005 CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Roundtable	2	3
4	5	6	7	8 Committee/ Commissioner Dinner	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25 Christmas	26 Winter Merit Badge College	27 Winter Merit Badge College	28 Winter Merit Badge College	29 Winter Merit Badge College	30 Winter Merit Badge College	31