



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:

JANUARY

05-Roundtable
 07-OA Dinner
 12- District Committee Meeting
 19-District Commissioners Meeting

FEBRUARY

Scouting For Food
 02-Roundtable
 09-District Committee Meeting
 16-District Commissioners Meeting
 18-Scoutmaster Specifics
 25-Baloo Training

ACTIVITIES

Popcorn Sales!

Congratulations to the Top Sellers in our popcorn sales this past year.

Pack 86: Ryan Price \$2500

Annual District Dinner & Awards Ceremony

Roadrunner District will be having it's annual dinner at TCC/Northeast Campus on Thursday, April 27th, 2006 at 7pm

Presentation of District Awards of merit, District Camping Wards, District Advancement Award and Key-3 Awards, and Commissioners Spark-plug awards.

Plan now for your unit to send representatives to this annual event. As a reminder, District Award of Merit forms are on the website. Deadline for this form is April 13, 2006. Deadline for Council Silver Beaver form is March 2006. No exceptions.

TRAINING

Hello Fellow Scouters,

I hope all of you enjoyed a wonderful Christmas Holiday, I hope you for 2006 is full of promise and new challenges.

As we look towards the new year our needs as Scouters have not changed....much.

We are faced we a very exiting time. We are looking at bridging time. A very special time for those boy who are taking the next step in Scouting.

Well if we are smart and we are looking to keep those newly bridged Scouts we will have a better chance if we make every effort to get their par-

ents trained.

We encourage all leaders to take inventory of their Units and strongly suggest to those new parents or those uninvolved parents to attend a training program. You need the help you could use the man power. We offer the cheapest on the job training with the most support.

If you have any questions regarding upcoming Training events take a look at the District Training Calendar. Your will find several dates available to you. Please chose to attend in District or out of District training. If you go out of district for your training please report back to us.

As always we are interested in Scouters who have the desire to help train other Scouters. We are always in need of qualified Trainers.

Look to attend the Trainer Development Conference and become a Longhorn Council Trainer.

We also encourage you to attend Wood Badge we have 3 courses coming up and we would welcome you with open arm.

Happy New Year to all
 Have a great Scouting Year,
 Peter Riddlebarger
 Roadrunner District Training Chair

Woodbadge

2006 Courses

SR-746
 Brock Smith, Course Director
 Sid Richardson - Mar 31 - Apr 2
 Sid Richardson - April 21 - 23
 w - 940.627.6333 h -
 940.627.7422
bsmith@woodbadge.org

SR-747

Joe Woodwell, Course Director
 Sid Richardson - April 7 - 9
 Tahuaya - April 28 - 30
 w - 214.991.7697 h -
 972.539.6813
jwoodwell@woodbadge.org

SR-763

Jim "Big Red" Wetrich, Course Director
 Sid Richardson - October 6 - 8
 Sid Richardson - October 27 - 29
 w - 817.488.7282 x11 cell -
 630.248.6239
bigred@woodbadge.org

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)

TRAINING CONT...

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

COMMISSIONERS CORNER

The Commissioner Staff wishes you all a Happy New Year! May 2006 bring joy & blessings to you and your family.

Start the New Year with a fun Cub Scout activity. The Longhorn Council presents Cub-O at Sid Richardson Scout Ranch this coming Saturday, January 7th. Cub-O is an annual fun Orienteering competition for Tiger Cubs, Cub Scouts, and Webelos. Check the council web page for more details.

If you have not yet heard, Gale Follett our Roadrunner professional Scouter has been transferred to another District. I want to take this opportunity to formally thank Gale for her four years of service to the District and to wish her well in her new assignment.

To all of you, have a great scouting year!

YIS, Bill Harrison

Roadrunner District Commissioner

BOY SCOUT ROUNDTABLE

Last month we played a survival game that allowed us to use some of our outdoor skills. However, the object was not centered around how well participants did compared to the expert solution. We also explored how these situational examples can be used to teach formal and informal leadership to our boys and young men in the Troop. We had a lot of fun exploring this aspect.

I do not believe I will have the opportunity to have handouts printed before roundtable. However, I will take e-mail addresses from those who want the handouts and send them electronically this month.

I hope everyone had a great holiday season!

YIS, Tim Rogers

FINANCE

2006 Family Friends of Scouting Campaign

The Longhorn Council, Boy Scouts of America is currently conducting a Friends of Scouting campaign. The parents of Scouts have been asked to support this effort. The money will be used to supplement income received from United Way, program fees, and the trust fund. Individual contributors, us as Friends of Scouting and community alumni, are the largest source of income to the Council. The Council's programs and services are primarily funded by the Friends of Scouting campaign.

The Council helps make our unit program a success by providing an outstanding professional staff, two Council service centers, 5 Scout Shops, first-class camps, program helps, activities, and training opportunities. FOS funding is used to provide direct support to units through training classes, weekend activities, communication services, monthly continuing education, advancement record-keeping and re-

cruiting for new members and leaders. It is also used to develop community and council wide service projects and other efforts designed to enhance and extend scouting for the boy, the family, and the unit leaders.

Now is the time for unit leaders to start preparing their units for the 2006 FOS campaign. If you have not already scheduled your 2006 FOS presentation date please do so as soon as possible. If you have a favorite presenter, please let me know and I will do my best to meet your request. I also need each unit to select a unit coordinator to work with my team to facilitate the presentation and follow up processes. My goal is to have 100% participation for 2006. Our district's goal is \$55,000 and it is attainable if we all work together to support Scouting.

If you have any questions or would like to schedule a presentation, please contact me at your earliest convenience.

Bill Jesse

FOS Chairman

Home: 817-354-7142

Work: 214-285-2262

BOY SCOUT ADVANCEMENT

Welcome to 2006, Scouters. I hope the holidays brought you and your families great joy. I know that the families of the following three Eagle candidates celebrated, knowing that their sons' passed their Eagle Board of Review. Please congratulate Dallas Hadley, Troop 346, Imran Jiwani, Troop 758 and Faheem Khemani from Troop 758.

This month we go back to normal schedule for BOR and Pre-certs. This month it will be on January 26. Next month the Boards will be on February 23.

BSTBP Doug Bhatt

District Advancement Chairman

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Scouting For Food

Happy New Year fellow Scouters! This is a little late in getting to you but it is time for our annual Scout for Food Campaign.

Tradition has been that we do it the first and second weekends in February. However, you **ARE NOT** required to hold to that schedule. If for some reason those two weekends do not fit the needs of your Unit, please feel free to choose another weekend! Our main goal it to help those within our own communities that are less fortunate and it provides each boy within your Unit the opportunity to do a Good Turn.

By the January Roundtable you should have selected someone from your Unit to act as the coordinator between your Unit and me. This will be the person that I will go to for any information and to set-up your Scouting for Food area.

At this writing I do not have a commitment for bags, but will endeavor to get that information to your coordinator as quickly as possible. In the meantime, please do not wait on the bags. Contact your local stores and see if you can either get bags donated from them or if you can take bags from their recycle boxes. What better way to utilize the recycled bags than to collect food in their own neighborhoods! A commitment form and packet has been provided for each Unit in their folder tonight. Please complete the commitment form and drop it off in the Scouting for Food box on the table. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at: e-mail: brenda.west@tyc.state.tx.us, phone: wk: 817-378-2137, hm: 817-581-9612, cell: 817-680-4603.

YIS, Brenda J. West

CAMPING

Hello my fellow Scouters,

Happy New Year to all. Jim is out of town for the holidays so I want to remind everyone about the Spring Camporee which will be the weekend of April 7th thru 9th at Camp 9 at Sid Richardson. The district Camping Committee has had one meeting already and has set the Thyme this year as Team Challenge. There will be a series of timed competitions in which each team will be challenged to brainstorm and work together to solve the problem or complete the challenge with the fastest times. There will be categories for Boy Scouts and Ventures. Each troop or crew can put together and name as many teams as they want. Each team should be made up of three to five youth members. We have several challenges in mind already and are looking for any ideas that you may have. The committee will have its second meeting latter this month (date to be announced). We will have additional information for you at the February round table. The Order of the Arrow Spring Call Outs will also be held Saturday night at the Camp # 9 council ring. Until next time, YIS For Jim Thomason. This is: Tony Wooten

VENTURING

New Venture Crew 1875

I would like to announce the formation of a new Venture Crew. It is Crew 1875. We are a coed Indian Lore crew and will pattern ourselves after an 1870's Southern Cheyenne tribe. The crew will work at being as true to the tribal style customs and traditions as possible. We will have local experts teach us, among other

things: traditional Indian dance, customs, ceremonies, story telling, weapons, camp skills, beadwork and tribal leadership.

We already have 9 members and held our first organizational meeting on December 27th.

Our meetings will be held on the second Tuesday of each month. We have already planed a trip to the Red Earth Festival in Oklahoma City the weekend of June 2nd thru 4th 2006. This is an annual festival of the largest gathering of Native American Indian tribes in the country. There will be competitive dancing, story telling, Indian crafts, costumes, art and everything Native American. In short we are going to have a great time.

Anyone interested in finding out what we have to offer to your scouting experience please contact me. I will also have a flyer by the February round table. You can contact me at:

Tony Wooten Crew Advisor

ORDER OF THE ARROW

Hello my fellow Arrow men,

I hope that everyone had a safe and happy Christmas and New Years holiday.

I want to remind everyone that the lodge banquet is this Saturday January 7th in Hillsboro. You can get your registration forms on line at the lodge web site. We should have a real good time just like last year. I hope to see you their.

I would again like to request that all the cub leaders let us know as soon as possible if you want our ceremony team to do your Bridging and or Arrow of Light ceremonies and give us your dates so we can get you scheduled. All the troop leaders also need to let us know when you will be holding your unit OA elections so our election team can get you on the schedule. We will be conduction unit elections through March, but it always gets real busy toward the end. I don't want to miss anyone. I would

also like to remind all OA members that our chapter monthly meetings are held the first Thursday of each month while Round table is going on. This month we will be starting work on our chapter's annual plan and calendar. Every one is invited and encouraged to attend our meetings, give us your input and see what we are doing.

Every ones 2005 Order of the Arrow registrations are now expired as of 12-31-05. The 2006 dues are \$10.00 and if you need one of the new lodges flip patches they are \$ 5.00 each. You can pay your 2006 registration and get your card at the council service center or you can get with me. I will always have registration forms, cards, and patches with me at all scout functions. You can also buy the new lodge patch at the council service center when you register.

After the Lodge banquet the next scheduled OA events will be the Spring Call Outs, which will be held at the Spring Camporee in April, and then the Spring Ordeal, which will be held the last weekend in April. Both will be held at Sid Richardson.

That's about all for now. If you need and assistance please contact myself, one of our elected officers, or associate advisors.

Until we meet again, as always YIB, WWW, Tony Wooten
Woaplanne Chapter Advisor

RECOGNITION / OTHER

"To Help Other People"

When Pack 333 of Hurst (St. Andrew Lutheran Church) gathered in February 2005 as usual for Scouting for food, we had no idea that something exciting was about to happen.

After the boys and adults returned from the house-to-house food collection, a couple of the families took all of the food to the Trinity Baptist Church Food Bank in Bedford. They stayed to sort the food and learned that the Food Bank had been having difficulty providing for families in need for the first time in its existence. The Pack rose to the challenge and assembled a pyramid of food at our Blue and Gold banquet later that month.

Wanting to give of ourselves in addition to the cans of food, the Pack added a service project to the summer calendar. For four Saturdays in May and June, Pack members arrived at the Food Bank to help sort food, fill bags, carry bags to cars, and generally help where needed. Altogether, the Pack put in over 100 hours volunteering at the Food Bank. The project was such a hit, with both the boys and the adults, that we plan to have it on our calendar again this year. Who knew cans could be such fun?

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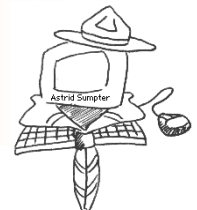
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NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS—

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: 817-283-8999).



JANUARY 2006 CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5 Roundtable	6	7 OA Dinner
8	9	10	11	12 District Committee Meeting	13	14
15	16	17	18	19 District Commissioners Meeting	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				