



ROADRUNNER REPORTER

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

SPECIAL DATES OF INTEREST:

MARCH

3-5-Scoutmaster Outdoor Leader Skills
 3-4-OWL Training
 31-SR746 Woodbadge

APRIL

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 3-4-OWL Training
 7-9-Spring Camporee
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ACTIVITIES

Annual District Dinner & Awards Ceremony

Thursday, April 27, 2006. 7pm. TCC NE Campus in Hurst.

Cost: \$18.00 per person. \$22.00 if received after April 23, 2006 Catered by Carrabba's Italian Grille of Hurst Reservations to Gloria or our District Executive, Alan Earl.

Note: Ping Mayo is working on the district slideshow for this dinner. She needs your help. Please call 817-590-8164 or email her at kpscouts@sbcglobe.net if you have photos from your unit that you would like to share.

Also Denise Taylor, another member of the Dinner Committee is looking for door prizes for the dinner. Please call 817-284-3134 or email at datay@airmail.net

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS: District Award of Merit: Thursday, March 16, 2006 at District Commissioner meeting.

Scout Show 2006

Start your engines for the May 13th 2006 Scout Show! It will be a day of excitement for all those that attend the Scout Show at the Fort Worth Stock Yards! Those that went last year will easily tell you how much fun it was! The Scout Show is sponsored by the Longhorn Council as an opportunity to showcase your unit and also raise money for spring and summer activities when you participate in the discount card sales.

The Roadrunner District will be having a sign-up table at our March Roundtable for two purposes -

Sign up to participate in the Scout Show and / or Sign up to participate in the 2006 discount card sales.

1. Please turn in a reservation sheet for your unit that lists what kind of

activity, demo

or game you would like to do. Each unit will have a booth size approximately 10' by 10'.

Please plan for something overhead for shade. Show case your unit flags or banners

at your booth. We will have a sign up board at the Scout Show table. Designate a "Scout Show Activity Coordinator" for your unit.

2. Please turn in a Scout Show coupon card order form. Designate a "Discount Card Coordinator" for your unit. Ping Mayo will be coordinating the Discount card sales for our district. The Longhorn Council will supply each unit with the Discount cards customized to the community of the unit. Scouts sell the cards for \$10.00 and the unit makes \$3.00 on each card sold. Unit orders need to be turned in at the March Roundtable so that the cards can be available for distribution at the April Roundtable. Please see Ping Mayo at the March Roundtable. The Roadrunner District Blitz Day (One- Day Sales campaign) will be Saturday April 15th at a location TBA. On Blitz Day, the unit keeps 40% of the sales money!

Cards can continue to be sold after that date but Blitz Day really can help you earn more money.

Patches for Scout Show participants will be distributed at the Scout Show on May 13th.
 Hope you will plan to participate!

Ping Mayo (H-817-590-8164) and Denise Taylor (H-817-284-3134)

CAMPING

The spring camporee is still set for April 7th-9th. Looks like no one is going but the camping committee. I haven't had any response from any of the troops. Committee meets Tuesday evening to make final plans. Thanks for Troops Cooperation.

Jim

Roadrunner District 2006

Spring Camporee

Sid Richardson Scout Ranch. Your Troop is invited to attend the annual Roadrunner District Spring Camporee. This year's theme is "Team Quest". The Camporee dates are April 7-9 2006 at Camp 9.

There will be several fun and exciting events, which will involve skill as well as teamwork and problem solving, needed to be successful. We would like to have as many troops as possible to participate. This will help the district have a GREAT Camporee.

We need your help in making this Camporee a success. We are requesting that each unit supply at least one adult to assist us with running these events. Please contact one of the camping committee members listed below and let us know how many people you may be able to help with. There will be a schedule of events and activities available at the March Round table meeting.

CAMPING CONT...

Twilight Cub Scout Day Camp



June 12-16, 2006. Time: 3:30pm-8pm Location: Village of Bear Creek Park in Euless. On-time registration fee: \$65. Late registration: \$75. Camp Director: Richard Sea – 817-318-0870 (richardsea@comcast.net) Camp Program Director: Irene Phaup-817-847-6322 (iphaup@emsisd.com)

Richard and Irene are looking for Adults and Boy Scouts to fill Mission Support Specialist positions. Additional Adults are needed for Mission Training Coordinators to escort the Cubs during camp missions. Mission Control personnel Certified in Projectile Launch Stations are needed to coordinate Space Defense simulation stations

TRAINING

Hello Fellow Scouters,

Well we are all looking to Summer Camps and getting our house (Packs / Troops) in order. We had 27 participants in last Saturdays Baloo Course. There were 9 different districts represented. This number of districts highlights the fact that people are getting trained wherever they can. When you get trained outside the district please let us know so we can track the Roadrunner District as a whole. This second half of the year we are working with Lakeview to put on the training courses you need. If you have new Scouters bridging into Troop we will be glad to help you get them trained. Look over the Roadrunner District Website and of the Longhorn Council website as well. We have been handing out Adult recognition for those who have earned it. If you know that special Scouter in your Unit why not try and surprise them with a well deserved Knot. Have a great remainder of the Scouting year. See you at one of our courses.

Peter Riddlebarger

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

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

Youth Protection

In November 2005, the Longhorn Council assumed full responsibility for providing all youth protection training made in live presentation. Internet based youth protection training, which went live approximately two years ago, has decreased live presentation attendance by approximately 70 percent, but the demand for the live format has remained. This is especially true of remote areas of the council with no or slow internet connectivity and for first time scout leaders or interested parents.

The Roadrunner District is the flagship of the Council's youth protection program and in keeping with tradition first begun in the Roadrunner District, Council sponsored live classes have been offered on the first Wednesday of every month at the Hurst Council office. These will continue throughout the rest of the season. In addition, there will be a live class each Wednesday in May to cope with the summer rush.

Joe Robertson

COMMISSIONERS
CORNER

Scouters,

Webelos leaders take note, the Longhorn Council is sponsoring a Webelos Woods at Sid Richardson this Saturday, March 4th starting with check in at 7:00 AM. There will be a second opportunity to introduce Webelos Scouts and their parents to the exciting Scouting adventures ahead with a Webelos Woods at Worth Ranch on March 25th. There will be a Cub Family adventure at Worth Ranch on March 18th – 19th. The theme is Space and Rockets. SR2 Spring O-Meet will be held on March 18th – 19th. This orienteering / geocaching event will have courses for beginners through advanced. As you can see there are activities scheduled for everyone in March. Have a great scouting month.

YIS, Bill Harrison

BOY SCOUT
ROUNDTABLE

Kudos to Bill Harrison for teaching about local Geology at last months roundtable. Even though there were equipment problems - he stuck to it like a real trooper! Please check the roadrunner district website as the roundtable handouts are posted there and can be very useful as the electronic versions enable you to follow hyperlinks that provide even more information. I would love to hear from everyone concerning what they would like to see in the Agenda for future roundtables starting in May onward. I have tried to meet your needs and concerns. Next month we will do safe swim/safety afloat. This is an important program in which you will receive a card certifying you for water activities. Lastly, I want to welcome the Webelos Leaders who are getting ready to transition. You are more than welcome to attend the Boy Scout Roundtable breakout!

BOY SCOUT
ADVANCEMENT

Hello Scouters, Due to a scheduling conflict at St. Philips we did not have any Eagle BOR's and Precerts, therefore the month of March is going to be very busy for our board members. I would like to personally thank all of them for taking very precious family time to provide the counsel to our eagle candidates.

To all Scout leaders—VERY IMPORTANT!!!!!! Due to the District Dinner being on the same night as our scheduled BOR's and Precerts in April I will be moving up the BOR's and Precerts to April 20. Please let your scouts know this info so that they can plan accordingly. Eagle packets must be in by April 6 and the cutoff for Precert scheduling is April 13.

CUB SCOUT
ROUNDTABLE

Greetings,

Spring is just around the corner! With spring, come all the wonders of nature's rebirth-flowers bloom, trees bud, and birds are full of activity. In every tree, we can see our feathered friends busily building nests and hear them sharing their songs with the world. Use this time of year to help your Cub Scouts discover everything that our feathered friends have to share. Learn about the birds in your area, but also discover species that live in other parts of the world. Go outdoors with your Cub Scouts, and look around to observe all the glories of birds. The theme for March Roundtable is Our Feathered Friends. Next months theme is Digging in the dirt.

We have a new Childcare provider for Roundtable. As a result, it will now cost \$2 per child and the money is due when you drop your child off in the nursery.

YIS, Theresa Hubert

ORDER OF THE ARROW

Hello my Brothers of Cheerful Service,

I hope that this article finds you all well. With the Spring Callout just a few weeks away, we are rapidly running out of time for units to get their OA unit elections done. We have unit elections scheduled every Monday night through March 13th and Tuesday February 28th and March 7th. We still have several units who have not contacted us to schedule these elections. We want to accommodate every unit who wants to hold elections, but we will not be able to guarantee that those units who hold their elections on or after March 20th will have people who are elected called out at the Spring Camporee. The youth electrets will most likely get done, but the adult applications have to go through the Lodge and Council for final approval and may not be returned in time. We will do our best but we can not guarantee anything after the 20th. Your units could still have its Callouts at Summer Camp if you are attending a Longhorn Council camp (if you are attending a out of council camp, special arrangements will need to be made to be called out at their ceremony.) Our chapter has held our own callouts after the Spring Camporee but, it is up to our Chapter Chief as to when, where or if we do this. If you still need to hold your unit elections, if any of your units meet on Wednesdays please let us know at the March Roundtable meeting and we will see what we can do.

I want to also remind all of our members of two more important up coming events: The Southern Reign (SR) Conclave which will be held at Bastrop, TX, March 31st thru April 2nd. The coast for this event is \$35.00. The second event is the 2006 NOAC (National Order of the Arrow Conference). This year it is at the University of Michigan in Anarber, Mi. The dates are July 29th thru August 3rd and the coast is \$600.00. The Council contingent will go by Amtrak and chartered bus. There are still several seats available with the council. Preference will be given to youth members. If you have never attended NOAC you really need to try to attend. This will be the last one until 2009.

Yours in Brotherhood, Tony Wooten

FINANCE

2006 Family Friends of Scouting Campaign

As you can see from the above data, the 2005-2006 Friends of Scouting Campaign is well under way. We have completed 27 presentations and have collected close to 49% of the District's goal of \$55,000. My records indicate the following units have NOT scheduled a FOS presentation. Please contact me ASAP to set up at presentation date. We will not have any possibility of reaching our objective if we do not have 100% participation. Pack 253, 374, 374

Based on current projections, the District is NOT on pace to meet its goal of \$55,000. If your unit has had their presentation and you are aware of families that were not present, please let your respective unit FOS coordinator or myself know so we can do our best to contact them about the possibility of a pledge. As we all know, volunteers drive the scouting program, but funding is necessary to provide the program's "fuel". For any additional information please contact me at 817-354-7142 or email at billjesse@comcast.net. Thank you in advance for helping making this a successful campaign.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Scouting For Food

First, I would like to extend a Thank you to those Units that have completed their Scouting for Food campaign and sent me their reports.

Secondly, I would like to remind all the other Units that it is NEVER too late to do Scouting for Food! If you would like an area assigned to your Unit or need some assistance, please let me know. The Scouting for Food Campaign is an excellent way for the Scouts to give back to their local communities and lets the communities see that Scouting is still very active!

If your Unit has completed their campaign and not submitted a report to me, please do so as quickly as possible. I will need to know the total number of Scouts, adults, a count of the number of items donated, and where the donations were delivered.

Please feel free to contact me if you need any assistance or have any questions, e-mail: brenda.west@tyc.state.tx.us, work: 817-378-2137, home: 817-581-9612, cell: 817-680-4602.

YIS, Brenda J. West

RECOGNITION / OTHER

Inviting Roadrunner Scouters and Friends to a great night at our "April Fools Dinner with Silent and Live Auctions!"

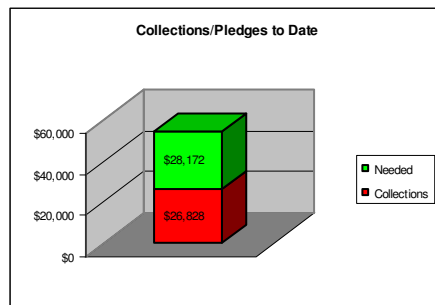
The evening is April 1st (for real!) and will be held at St Phillip's Presbyterian Church where we have Roundtable. Troop 324 Boy Scouts are actively working on fundraising for summer camp to Vancouver, Canada and we'd really appreciate your support! It is bound to be a fun night!

Tickets are now on sale for \$7.00 a person. This includes a BBQ meal with trimmings that start at 6 pm. Childcare is available for children 8 years of age and under. We will be having live auctions through the night with exciting items such as a suite of seats at the Ranger Stadium (Amerquest). We will have many silent auction items such as baskets with restaurant certificates, Billy Bob seats, guy stuff, girl stuff, pet stuff, camping stuff and other chances to take home great goodies.

If you would like some free advertising of your business in our program while donating a service or item, we'd be glad to list you / let us know by March 5th.

Why not buy a ticket to the auction tonight? Please see Dave Kaiser or Howard Piper or Jody Piper or Lynne Savage or any Troop 324 Committee Member at the March Roundtable or contact us. Come on and join us for a fun-filled night, while helping scouts make it to a special summer camp.

Thank you, Denice Taylor, Troop 324 Committee Member



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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).



MARCH 2006 CALENDAR

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