

THE TEQUESTA SCOUTER DRUMBEAT

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January - February 2003

Tequesta District Earns Quality District Award

The Tequesta Roundtables are held the first Monday of the month (2nd if 1st is a holiday) at the West Miami Middle School located at 7525 SW 24 St (Coral Way) at 7:30 p.m. The next Roundtables are on January 6 and February 3, 2003.

Tequesta Roundtable

The Roundtable themes are:

January - Eagle Project Notebook - Gil Betz- Learn how to prepare your Eagle Notebook for your Eagle Board of Review process.



Calling all Eagle Scouts

The Tequesta District Advancement Committee will conduct a special presentation of how to prepare the Eagle Project Notebook at the January Roundtable in the West Miami Middle School Auditorium at 7:30 p.m.

Usually, Roundtables are attended by adult Scouters, however, due to the nature of the topic, it is recommended that you invite all of the Life Scouts in your unit, their parents, and any other adults involved in the advancement process of your Scouts.

February - Order of the Arrow - Robin Burr - How the Order of the Arrow can help your unit's Scouts promote camping and service.

Units must Recharter by January 31, 2003

Unit charter renewals are due by January 31, 2003. The per person registration fee is being increased from \$7 to \$10. The National Council approved an increase in 1996 and has held off until now to implement the increase. All other fees

remain the same.

The South Florida Council is changing the **Free Rank Advancement** rules. The new requirements for 2003 are:

1. Recharter on time as a Quality Unit by January 31, 2003.
2. Conduct a FOS presentation by February 28, 2003.
3. Process rank advancements on third party software by February 28, 2003.

According to "The Scouter", these deadlines are firm. Beginning in 2004, all units receiving free rank advancements must recharter using third party software.



Friends of Scouting

The South Florida Council needs your support to help provide the services, programs, and camping facilities to the families involved in Scouting.

Schedule a FOS presentation by February 28, 2003 and receive a \$50 campership redeemable at Camp Lone Oak or your District Cub Day Camp. This is also one of the requirements of the free rank advancement program.

Venture Camporee

The third annual Venturing Camporee will be held at Camp Sawyer the weekend of January 3-5, 2003. The registration fee is now \$25 per person. For more information, contact President Nicole Szwanke at 305-947-9348, e-mail binks009@hotmail.com or Advisor Rick Putman at 954-309-8569, e-mail woodfox12@aol.com.

OA Winter Ordeal

The O-Shot-Caw Lodge's Winter Ordeal will be on January 10-12 at Camp Everglades. All elected candidates and OA Brothers are encouraged to attend when. The temperatures are mild and the bugs are at a minimum at this time of year. The forms have been mailed to members who have paid their dues during the years of 2000-2002. The forms can also be downloaded from the Lodge website. www.o-shot-caw.org

University of Scouting

This year's University will be on January 18th, at Barbara Goleman High School. This training is for all Leaders and Venturing Crew Officers. The Training Team of South Florida Council presents this opportunity for supplemental training for all adult leaders. This used to be known as Pow Wow and Showando, but is

Calendar of Events

January

3-5: Venture Camporee
6: Roundtables/OA
10-12: OA Winter Ordeal
13: District Committee meeting
18: University of Scouting
20: Commissioner Staff Meeting
24-26: Lincoln-Marti Camporee

February

1-2: Barefoot Mailman Hike
3: Roundtables/OA
10: District Committee Meeting
15: Council Garage Sale - Camp Seminole
17: Commissioner Staff Meeting
21-23: Scoutmaster's Camporee at Markham Park in Sunrise, FL
28-March 2 OA Lodge Banquet - Camp Seminole

March

3: Roundtables/OA
10: District Committee Meeting
15: 80th Anniversary of Troop 7
17: Commissioner Staff Meeting
22: Scouting Day at the Coral Gables Youth Center
28-30: Spring Camporee - Camp Seminole
30-April 4: Venturing Week at Camp Sawyer

April

6-11: Venturing Week at Camp Sawyer
4-6: OA Section Conference at Wallwood Scout Reservation
7: Roundtables/OA
14: District Committee Meeting
21: Commissioner Staff Meeting
26: Youth Expo at IGFA - Outdoor World

now known as the University of Scouting.

There will be courses for Tiger Den Leaders, Cub Scout Den Leaders, Webelos Den Leaders, Cubmasters and all your Assistant Scoutmasters, Committee Members of both Packs and Troops, Venturing Crew Officers and Leaders, District Members and special sessions for Commissioners.

Lincoln-Marti Camporee

The 33rd Lincoln-Marti Camporee takes place on January 24-25 at the Carlos J. Arboleya Camping and Picnic Grounds at 7025 West Flagler Street.

The pre-registration fee is \$60.00 if paid after January 1. All pre-registration fees must be paid on or before January 10. The Individual Registration Fee is Six Dollars (\$6.00) per Scout and Adult attending the Camporee. Credit will be given to each Unit for the \$60.00 advance Unit Registration Fee, against the total Individual Registration Fees due.

Barefoot Mailman Hike

The Barefoot Mailman Hike commemorates the men who carried the mail from Hypoluxo to Fort Dallas before the arrival of the train. It will be on February 1-2.

Council Garage Sale

The garages and storage units will be cleared! All Scouting memorabilia, old stoves, tents, lanterns, and a lot of other good stuff will be gathered in one spot at Camp Seminole in the Activity Field. Great Bargains!

Would your Pack, Troop, or Crew like to clean out your storage and make a little cash with us? Booths are available for \$10 and we will provide marketing and advertising. The sale is at Camp Seminole on Saturday, February 15. For more information, contact Dan Rushing or Doug Lunsford at the Council office.

Scoutmaster's Camporee

The theme this year is Scouting in the Wild West. The Camporee is open to Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts and Webelos. Separate programs have been developed for Scouts 14 and older and Webelos. The pre-registration is \$50 and the individual fee is \$16 with pre-registration and \$17 on the night of the Camporee. The camporee is at Markham Park.

State of the District

MEMBERSHIP

At the end of December 31st, 2001, we had a year-end membership of 1457 registered youth, divided into 107 tigers, 372 cubs, 293 webelos, 541 boy scouts and 144 venturers, all of them placed in 78 units. After re-registration time (January 1st-March 1st 2002) our membership went down about 35%, but then thanks to the joined efforts of the district, it has gone up again to 1451 members as of December 9, 2002. We expect our final membership to be 1540 youth, with the addition of 35 new venturers and boy scouts.

FRIENDS OF SCOUTING

It costs \$85 to maintain a scout during a year for the South Florida Council. Through our Friends of Scouting fundraising campaign, we subsidize the cost of scouting for all members. About 35% of those \$85 are raised through Friends of Scouting. This year our goal is \$45,000, from which \$30,150 has been collected. We are still expecting more pledges to be honored, and our estimate for December 31st, 2002 is \$36,000 in collections. For 2003, our goal will be to raise \$50,000, with the organization of an extensive network of volunteers who will support our operations.

ACTIVITIES

During 2002, hundreds of kids attended our events, thus obtaining patches, merit badges, general advancement and knowledge from our activities. Our main events this year were:

- Cub Scout Olympics: attended by 45 youth.
- Spring Camporee: attended by 180 kids and 60 adults.
- Scouting Day: attended by more than 250 people.
- Cub Scout Day camp: attended by 48 youth.
- 10 Commandments hike: attended by 150 people.
- Bike Rodeo: attended by 128 youth.
- Old Cutler Hike: attended by 925 people.

CAMPING

Camping is the core of our program. During 2002, Troop 43 earned the Joe Magruder Camping Award for the highest number of camping nights. Also, 61% of all our Boy Scouts spent at least 1 or 2 weekends camping, whether it is at Camp Lone Oak (90 kids) or any other campgrounds. In total, our kids and adults spent 1,400 nights camping.

During 2003, we plan to make a significant investment in all our properties through an endowment campaign. As of December 9th, 5 troops have already reserved their spot on lone oak for 2003.

ADVANCEMENT

During 2002, we have reported hundreds of advancements throughout the year. A final number will be revealed on Friday, December 13th, 2002 when we will manually count the number of advancements from troops, packs and crews.

TRAINING

As of December 9th, 2002, 77% of units reported trained leaders. From 670 adults registered with the district, approximately 25% have been trained for a specific position; that is over 100 adults. With activities as Basic Training, Position Specific training, OWL, BALOO and others, we make sure that our people receive the quality training they need to continue our activities. We have also offered position specific training in Spanish.

TECHNOLOGY

Thanks to the efforts of our team lead by Robin Burr, we are ahead of any other district in electronic communications. We currently have a list of over 250 e-mail addresses for district members; that means that 1 in every 3 adults is receiving our news and notices in less than 1 or 2 days. Robin also hosts the Council's web site.

GENERAL DISTRICT STATISTICS

Thanks to our excellent team work capacity, our district has achieved also the following:

- 31% increase in Boys' Life subscriptions.
- 250% increase in on-time registered units.
- 188% increase in quality units.
- 120% increase in trained leaders.
- 4% growth in new units.

These, and many other actions that are left out of this report, could not have been possible without your support. I just want to thank you for making this effort possible. Sometimes, as an executive I tend to forget between the numbers that every one of them is a family, or a kid, who wants to have fun, learn something new and make new friends, and a family that knows that their boy is in the right environment, and wants to develop in him positive values that will last a lifetime, because that is our real mission. Again, thank you for your help in making this community a better place.

Sincerely, Pablo Munevar, Tequesta DE