

THE TEQUESTA SCOUTER DRUMBEAT

www.tequestadistrict.org

January - February 2005

The Tequesta Roundtables are held the first Monday of the month (2nd if 1st is a holiday) at 7:30 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church of Coral Gables. The Church is located at 536 Coral Way.

Tequesta Roundtable

ROUNDTABLE THEMES

Cub Scout

January—Invention Convention
February—Waterways of the USA

Boy Scout

January—First Aid for Scouters
February—Tax credits for Scouters

Calendar of Events

January 2005

3: Roundtables/OA
7-9: Venturee 2005
10: District Committee meeting
14-16: OA Winter Ordeal
21-23: Lincoln-Marti camporee
21-23: Commissioner college
24: Commissioner meeting
29: District goal setting session

February 2005

5-6: Barefoot Mailman hike
5: IGFA programs
7: Roundtables, Youth Protection training
14: District Committee meeting
19: Winter Games
23: Venturing Roundtable
24: FOS Kickoff Dinner
25-27: Scoutmaster's Camporee
28: Commissioner meeting

March 2005

4-6: OA Lodge Banquet
7: Roundtables
11-13 Spring Camporee
14: District meeting
21: Commissioner meeting

April 2005

1-2: Scouting Youth Expo
4: Roundtables
8-10: OA Section Conference
11: District meeting
16: Tequesta Ten Commandments hike
18: Commissioner meeting

NEW COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Tequesta District Scouter, Fernando Aran, has been selected as the next South Florida Council President. He takes the reins from Norm Silber. Fernando has served as our District Chairman and most recently has been the Scoutmaster of Troop 43. Congratulations Fernando.

NEW COUNCIL EXECUTIVE

Jeff Hunt has been hired as the new South Florida Council Scout Executive. Jeff previously was the District Executive for Hurricane District, Finance Director, and Director of Field Service. He comes back from Reno Nevada where he has been the Scout Executive.

ORDER OF THE ARROW

The Order of the Arrow is Scouting's Honor Society. The purpose of the Order of the Arrow is fourfold:

- * To recognize those Scout campers who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives
- * To develop and maintain camping traditions and spirit
- * To promote Scout camping
- * To crystallize the Scout habit of helpfulness into a life purpose of leadership in cheerful service to others

Order of the Arrow dues for 2005 can be paid by filling out the dues form and sending a check or online at meritbadgecollege.org/onlineregistration/

The Winter Ordeal is the weekend of January 14-16. The Ordeal is the event where the elected candidates have the opportunity to be inducted into the Order of the arrow.

A troop can have one OA election per year. Scouts are eligible if they are First Class, have 15 days and nights of camping in the past two years, and have unit leader approval. Elections can be scheduled with Chapter Chief Matthew Murrell. The Murrell's phone number is 305-443-7500 or email to FirstHatteras@aol.com

The O-Shot-Caw Lodge will be hosting the annual Section S4S Section Conference on April 8-10 at Camp Seminole.

VENTUREE 2005

The theme for this year is TV Guide Getaway. The Venturee will be held at Markham Park on January 7-9, 2005. The cost is \$25 per person which includes a t-shirt. For more information, contact Tommy Reyes at 786-514-4542 or email at Tommycrew806@aol.com

LINCOLN-MARTI CAMPOREE

Dates: January 21, 22 and 23, 2005
Theme: On My Honor, Heroes Among Us
The cost per camper is ONLY \$8.00 eight dollars, \$10.00 ten dollars after January 1, 2005. So don't wait, and send your registration.
If you need additional information or have any suggestions, you may call Arnold Velazquez at 305-556-0739 or e-mail me at ArnoldMV@netrox.net.

Important Dates

January 6, 2005, Thursday - General Meeting at Council Office at 7:30 p.m.
January 21-23, 2005 Camporee Weekend
Visit the camporee website for the booklet and other information.
www.lincoln-martiacamporee.com

BAREFOOT MAILMAN HIKE

The Hurricane District and the South Florida Council will mark the 41st Anniversary of the Barefoot Mailman Commemorative Hike on the weekend of February 5 and 6, 2005. This 33 mile, 2-day hike along portions of the historic trails walked by the Barefoot Mailmen of the late 1800's, provides numerous challenges and opportunities for Scouts, Scouters, and Scouting Units. Teamwork, planning, self-sufficiency and Scouting skills are utilized and learned while preparing and participating in this event. Just like the Barefoot Mailmen, participants in the hike will maintain self-sufficiency in all their food, shelter, clothing, and other needs (except water), as they hike the trail.

REQUIREMENTS: Participants need to be at least 12 years old and have completed all Second Class requirements. Each Unit participating is to register at least one adult (support or hiker).

For more information contact:

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On Sunday, February 6th, will be the 4th Anniversary of the BIG-TOE Hike of the Barefoot Mailman.

This 12 mile day-hike is for 2nd year Webelos and young Boy Scouts to learn and practice hiking skills while hiking a portion of a Historic Trail Hike. Like the Barefoot Mailmen, participants in the hike are to maintain self-sufficiency (except water), as they hike the trail.

REQUIREMENTS: Participants must be a Second Year Webelos Scout that have successfully completed the "Old Cutler Trail" Hike, or Boy Scout that does not yet meet the Barefoot Mailman participation requirements. Each Unit registering Webelos Scouts must register at least two adult hikers.

SCOUTMASTER'S CAMPOREE

Date: February 25 - 27, 2005

The theme for this year is: One Nation United - Our Civil War Legacy

Activities include:

- * Obstacle course
- * Merit Badge Exhibits
- * Scoutmasters Chili Cook-off
- * Canoe racing
- * Troop activities (volleyball, tug-of-war and basketball)
- * Merit Badge Midway
- * Webelos events
- * Civil War Re-enactors in uniform
- * Fireworks

Place: Markham Park in Sunrise, Florida

Contact: Jimbo Carlsen (954) 680-3212

Bodi2491@aol.com for registration information

www.sfcbsa.org/Calendar/Scoutmasters.html

Advance registration will include a \$50.00/campsite non-refundable campsite pre-registration fee. This fee will be applied to your total registration at the Camporee, and is not refundable if you do not attend the Camporee.

Pre-registration fee is \$16.00 per person attending (youth and adults). Any registration received after January 30, 2005 including registration the night of the Camporee will be at \$17.00 per person attending (youth and Adult).

TRAINING

Youth Protection training will held on February 7, 2005 - 7:30 PM (1 1/2 hours) at the First United Methodist Church of Coral Gables 536 Coral Way. The room is the Head Center, on the First Floor, at

the west end of the church.

ADVANCEMENT

The new Eagle Scouts in Tequesta District for November are:

Jody Bochner of Troop 384 - Dr. Juan Garcia, Scoutmaster

David A. Montes also of Troop 384

Peter Concepcion of Crew 43, Angelica Zayas, Advisor

Rafael E. Garcia also of Troop 384

Gabriel Rodriguez also of Troop 384

These Scouts earned Eagle in December:

Michael Fernandez of Crew 43 - Angelica Zayas, Advisor

Alberto O'Naghten of Crew 43 - Angelica Zayas, Advisor

David Siljee Troop 76 - Carmelo Rubio, Scoutmaster

I have been elected to try to fill the shoes of Philip Lecours, and I will try my best. Below is my contact information for all Scouts or leaders so I can be contacted for appointments or assistance:

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SPRING CAMPOREE

The Tequesta District Spring Camporee will be held from Friday, March 11 to Sunday, March 13, 2005. Plan to attend this fun-filled competition being held at Camp Seminole. This is the perfect place to have your boys "crossover" from Webelos to Boy Scouts at our big Saturday evening extravaganza.

Rosi Berrios, Campmaster

friendly542003@yahoo.com

JOE MAGRUDER MEETS BAREFOOT MAILMAN DAUGHTER

Joe Magruder, who was very active in Scouting when he joined at the age of 13 until he moved to Tennessee 5 years ago, recently met the daughter of one of the Barefoot Mailmen. Margaret Garnett

Harris is now 95 years of age and lives in Johnson City, Tennessee. Her father, Andrew Garnett, carried the mail after the death of Ed Hamilton.

The US Star Mail Route provided the first regular contact between Palm Beach and Fort Dallas (later the City of Miami). The mail carriers walked barefoot on the wet, hard packed sand along the ocean's edge. Boats were rowed or sailed on Lake Worth and Biscayne Bay and were used to cross the Hillsboro Inlet and New River. The weekly 136 mile trip took six days. The annual salary was \$600.

On October 11, 1897, Ed Hamilton, a Barefoot Mailman, lost his life while attempting to swim across the Hillsboro Inlet where someone had moved his boat to the other side. Searchers found only his clothing and mail bag on the north shore of the inlet. It was thought gators or sharks got him when he attempted the swim in stormy weather.



Picture of what is believed to be the Pierce house on Hyfluxo Island circa 1885-1887. Pictured (L to R) Capt. Hannibal D. Pierce and his wife Margretta, Andrew W. Garnett, James "Ed" Hamilton, Lillie E. Pierce, and Charles W. Pierce. This photo is significant because it is the only known picture of Hamilton, and the only picture of three of the Barefoot Mailman together: Garnett, Hamilton, and Charles Pierce.

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