

pre-registered (before 3/01/02) and \$12.00 for late registrations (on or after 3/01/02).

The camporee booklet should be available on the Tequesta website. For additional information, contact Carlos Gonzalez-Clavell (305) 505-1270 or bpr (305) 939-9133.

Calendar of Events

February

2-3: Barefoot Mailman Hike
4: Roundtable/OA
9: OA field trip to Seminole museum
9: Scout Sabbath
10: Scout Sunday
11: District Committee meeting
16: Cub Olympics
20: Scout Expo kickoff
22-24: Scoutmaster's Camporee
25: Commissioner staff meeting

March

1-3: O-Shot-Caw Banquet
4: Roundtable/OA
11: District Committee meeting
16: Ten Commandments hike
22-24: Spring Camporee

April

8: Roundtable/OA
12-14: OA Section Conference
13: Council Basic Cub Leader training
15: District Committee meeting
22: Commissioner Staff meeting
27: Scout Expo

Recruitment

An event is being planned in April to provide units the opportunity to recruit Girl, Cub, and Boy Scouts. It will be at the Coral Gables Youth Center. More details will in the next issue of this newsletter.

Council Recognition Dinner

The dinner has been postponed. A new date has not been announced yet.

Scout Expo

The venue for the Scout Expo has been changed. It will be held at the International Hall of Fame by the Bass Pro Shops in Broward County on Saturday April 27. There will not be a "sleepover" as in past years.

Thank You

Troop 710's trailer was stolen just after Mignon's husband passed away. Troop 710 appreciates Troop 870's generous donation of tents and tarps. These helped us attend Merit Badge College, and will be utilized at Lincoln Marti's camporee and other camping events. Your spirit of scouting is really meaningful. Thanks.

Mignon Castineira - Training Chairman

Advancement

New Eagle Scouts

On Tuesday, December 11, 2001, Juan O'Naghten and Roberto Sobrado, both from Venturing Crew 43, Frank Fernandez, Advisor, were approved as Eagle Scouts. These new Eagle Scouts were specially congratulated by the Eagle Board of Review, not only for the high quality of their community projects, but also for the outstanding presentation of their work books.

On Tuesday, January 8, 2002, Alex Ravelo, Troop 870, Carlos Moreno, Scoutmaster, was approved as an Eagle Scout.

Quality of Eagle Scout Community Projects

When an Eagle Scout candidate requests approval for his community project, and presents his work book, properly signed by the adult leadership of his unit, it is assumed that the leaders' signature is not just a "rubber stamp" procedure and that the leaders have taken the time to review the project as to the concept, completion of the requested information and quality of presentation such as correct grammar and spelling.

It is very frustrating for the Eagle Scout candidates to find out that, after obtaining the approval of his unit's adult leadership, their project plans work-books are not approved by the Eagle Board of Review due to self evident deficiencies that should have been found, and corrected, at the units' level, prior to their presentation at the Eagle Board of Review. This results in unnecessary delays for the Eagle Scout candidates in the realization of their projects, specially those candidates soon approaching their 18th. birthday.

Before signing an Eagle Scout candidate request for a community project work

book, the signing adults should check it against the check-list used by the Tequesta District. This can be downloaded at tequesta.webprovider.com/eagle_proj_cklist.pdf and making sure that the candidates' use the most recent work book format for it. This workbook can be downloaded in "Word" format by visiting www.hurricanedistrict.org/eagleforms.htm Eagle Scout candidates go through this process only once in their lifetime. It is up to the units' leadership to guide, counsel and review them during this process. Not doing it will only create frustrations and disappointments to the Eagle Scout candidates when they seek approval from the District Eagle Board of Review.

Advancement Records at South Florida Council

As most of you have experienced, glitches in the "ScoutNet 2000" program was consistently creating unreliable individual advancement records. Last week, I was gladly informed by the Council office that the program is working now. However, the only ones that can attest to that are the individual units' adults in charge of advancement records. We suggest that you call Myrna at the Council office and request from her a print-out of your unit's individual advancement records. Check the print-out against your roster and advancement records. Make the necessary corrections, send it back to Myrna and request a corrected and revised copy until the Council's records are reconciled with yours.

This will not happen by itself. The Council does not know of any record errors unless you make the Council office aware of them nor are the Council records a substitute for the ones you should keep for your unit.

"A SCOUT IS COURTEOUS"

If one of your Life Scouts, or Eagle Scout candidates, has an appointment with the Eagle Board of Review, and he knows that, for whatever reason, he may not be able to be ready at the date of the meeting, he should cancel the appointment, as soon as he knows he will not be attending. Another candidate, waiting for an appointment, may take his spot. A Scout is Courteous.

Phil Lecours - Advancement Chairman