

THE TEQUESTA SCOUTER DRUMBEAT

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March 2002

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 Roundtable is on March 4, 2002.

Tequesta Roundtable

Boy Scout Theme

March -- Cave diving
April -- Light weight backpacking

Youth Protection Training

Gil Betz will be at the March Roundtable and will present the Youth Protection training to anyone who needs it.

Ten Commandments Hike

The Tequesta Ten Commandments hike will be held on March 16, 2002. The hike stops at different religious institutions and the minister, priest, or rabbi gives instruction on the meaning of one of the Commandments.

The hike will begin at the West Flagler Baptist Church at 5911 W. Flagler St. Registration opens at 8:00 a.m. and the fee is \$5.00 per person. The first Commandment will be given at 9:00 a.m. Lunch is at St. Michael's Catholic Church, located at 2987 W. Flagler St. The hike concludes at St. John Bosco Catholic Church which is at 1301 W. Flagler St.

Contact Ana Moreno for additional information. Phone: 305-220-0014 E-mail: ana.p.moreno@bankofamerica.com

Tequesta Spring Camporee

The Tequesta Spring Camporee will be held on March 22-24 at Camp Seminole. The previously assigned campmaster had to be replaced. A committee has been formed and there will be changes to the Camporee booklet. A notice will be sent to the e-mail recipients of this editor's list when a new one has been posted on the District website. E-mail Fred Kimball <fred@troop7.org> to be added to the list.

Units pre-registering need to send a deposit of \$ 50.00, which will be credited

towards your total unit camp fee. Units Registration Forms properly filled will need to be sent with a deposit to the South Florida Council no later than March 1, 2002. Cost per camper will be \$ 10.00 for those pre-registered (before 3/01/02) and \$12.00 for late registrations (on or after 3/01/02).

Scout Out Scouting

Rob Burr, events coordinator for the George Merrick Foundation, has coordinated with the Coral Gables Youth Center to conduct an event to showcase Scouting to the members of the center and the public.

I am pleased to announce Scouting Day at the Coral Gables Youth Center has been scheduled for Saturday, April 20th from 8am to 4pm. In coordination with the staff of the Youth Center and Boy Scout and Girl Scout troops in South Florida, we are planning a day of fun and games, scouting activities and a sleep-over camp out the previous Friday evening.

Our Slogan "Scout Out Scouting"

Tag Line: Parents and Kids - Join scouts in your community for a day of fun and discover the adventure of scouting.

The Coral Gables Youth Center is an outstanding and thoroughly modern facility for youth activities, with more than 3000 member families, most with children between the ages of 6 and 16. Our goal is to offer a compelling showcase for Boy Scout and Girl Scout programs in our community by inviting families and kids to "scout out" Scouting while enjoying an afternoon of fun and excitement.

We hope that every Cub Scout pack, Boy Scout troop and Girl Scout troop, as well as Venture crews and Explorer posts in Tequesta District will join us in this innovative recruitment effort. It's a wonderful opportunity to meet kids and parents that are unaware of the great rewards of Scouting and introduce them to our local Scouting programs.

I look forward to working with each and every Scouter that can join this effort. I hope that you can help pass along this

information to others in your groups and that your feedback and advice can help make this event a success.

We will try to keep you informed of our progress. There is some information on our web site, and more will follow. www.GeorgeMerrick.org/

Please do not hesitate to email me with questions and/or comments. robertburr@georgemerrick.org
my home: 305-443-0394
my office: 305-443-7973

Youth Expo

It's an Outdoor World. This year's Expo is in a completely new venue on Saturday, April 27, at the International Game and Fish Association Hall of Fame and Museum and Outdoor World in Dania Beach. It is located at the corner of Griffin Rd and I-95, and it's easily accessible by Metro Rail and Tri-Rail. Scouts in Class A uniform can ride Tri-Rail free on the day of the Expo. Adults pay regular Saturday fare.



The Tequesta District is suggesting that Scout troops consider "Pioneering" as the theme for their booths.

The Hurricane District website is a good resource for pioneering projects. www.hurricanedistrict.org/pioneering.htm Andrew Miller, a Harvard student, has put the projects on the Hurricane District webpage into PDF. www.people.fas.harvard.edu/~amiller/pioneering/PioneeringProjects.pdf There are also more resources on www.pioneeringprojects.org/.

New Council President

Tequesta Scouter, Norm Silber, has been elected as the S FL Council President. He has served as the Cubmaster and Scoutmaster of Pack and Troop 64, Council Advancement committee chairman, has organized the Five Arrows program at Merit Badge College, and has received the Silver Beaver and his Wood Badge beads. Congratulations Norm.



Calendar of Events

March

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

April

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

May

4: Derby Day
6: Roundtable
13: District Committee meeting
17: District Dinner
19: Bowling Tournament
20: Commissioner Staff meeting
29: Venturing Quarterly meeting
31 - June 2: OA Summer Ordeal

Friends of Scouting

The 2002 Friends of Scouting campaign has started. Tequesta District Chairman, Jon Fisher, is the Co-Chairman for Miami-Dade and Monroe counties. Please call our DE, Pablo Munevar, to schedule a presentation for your unit.

Council Recognition Dinner

The 2002 Council Recognition Dinner will be held at the Radisson Mart Plaza (in Tequesta District) on March 16, 2002. The recognition dinner is where the Silver Beaver recipients are recognized as well as recipients of the Council Good Turn. The fee is \$280 for a table of 8 or \$35 per person. The Silver Beaver is the most prestigious honor that can be awarded at the Council level.



Swimming Merit Badge Changes

The National Boy Scout Advancement Committee has changed the swimming

merit badge effective January 1, 2002. Youth have the option of doing the requirement list in the Boy Scout Requirements 2001 book or these new requirements:

First Class requirement 9(c) has been removed from the 1st Class requirements and is now requirement 4 of the Swimming merit badge.

Requirements 7 and 9 have been combined and are now requirement 8. This is how it now reads:

8. Do ONE of the following:

- a. Snorkeling and scuba diving
 - (1) Demonstrate selection and fit of mask, snorkel, and fins: discuss safety in both pool and open water snorkeling.
 - (2) Demonstrate proper use of mask, snorkel, and fins for underwater search and rescue.
 - (3) Describe the sport of scuba diving or snorkeling, and demonstrate your knowledge of BSA policies and procedures relating to that sport.
- OR

b. Demonstrate the following competitive swimming skills:

- (1) Racing dive from a pool edge or dock edge (no elevated dives from racing platforms or starting blocks).
- (2) Racing form for 25 yards on one competitive stroke (front crawl, back crawl, breaststroke, or butterfly).
- (3) Racing turns for the stroke that you chose in 8b(2), OR, if the camp facilities cannot accommodate the racing turn, repeat 8b(2) with an additional stroke.
- (4) Describe the sport of competitive swimming.

Requirement 11, "Assist with instruction in basic swimming skills . . ." has been deleted entirely. This requirement made it difficult for any Scout to earn the swimming merit badge at Merit Badge College.

Order of the Arrow

The following troops are eligible for a unit election:

Troop 21 - Feb
Troop 43 - April
Troop 64 - March
Troop 336 - March
Troop 362 - May
Troop 710 - April

If your troop has not had an election in the

past year, and you have Scouts that are eligible (First Class, 15 days and nights of camping within the past 2 years, 6 of which must be a long term camp and the balance of short term camping, and unit leader approval), please contact Chapter Advisor Robin Burr to schedule an election for your troop. Phone: 305-443-0394 E-mail: Robin@QuantumLeap.net

This is also the time for camp promotions. If your troop has not made a reservation for summer camp, don't delay as the space is filling up. If you want to go to Camp Lone Oak, please call to schedule a presentation and sign-up for your troop.

Junior Leader Training

The South Florida Training Committee presents Eagle Claw 2002 Junior Leader Training Conference.

Where: McGregor Smith SR

When: July 7 - 13, 2002

What: The Eagle Claw Junior Leader Training Conference is a challenging and advanced seven-day experience for Boy Scout troop youth leaders who have already participated in Troop Junior Leader Training provided by their home troop Scoutmasters.

Who: Applicants must meet these requirements: (1) Scouts must be currently filling the position of senior patrol leader or assistant senior patrol leader or are likely to assume these positions. (2) be at least 13 years of age by July 1, 2002. (3) a minimum of 14 days and nights of camping, including summer camp; or ten days if no summer camp. (4) at least 1st Class rank. (5) has taken Junior Leader Training in the home troop.

Cost: the course fee is \$180

Contacts: Course Scoutmaster: John Vajanyi, Jr. Phone: 954-723-6239 E-mail: ECJLTSM@aol.com

Council Advisor: Michael Dames Phone: 305-364-0020

Training

Training Chairman, Mignon Castineira, would like to know if there is a need for a training course in April. If your unit needs training for its leaders, call Mignon at 305-297-9328 or e-mail mignon@msmc.com

New Eagle Scouts

Terrence Keon, Troop 7
Ralph Robinson, Troop 43
Maurice Navarro, Troop 67

**TEQUESTA DISTRICT
TEN COMMANDMENT HIKE
March 16, 2002**

Registration begins at: 8:00 am

Cost: \$5.00

Hike to start at: 9:00 am

Start point is: West Flagler Park Baptist Church
5911 West Flagler Street
Miami Florida

You will be able to purchase lunch at lunch stop to be at:

St. Michael Catholic Church
2987 West Flagler Street
Miami Florida

End point is: St. John Bosco Catholic Church
1301 West Flagler Street

Hikemaster: Ana Moreno Phone: 305-220-0014

E-mail: ana.p.moreno@bankofamerica.com

Registration Form

Unit No. PACK _____ TROOP _____ CREW _____

No. of Hikers _____ @ \$5.00

Total _____

Cash _____ Check _____

Pre-registration checks should be mailed to the Council office no later than
March 13, 2002.

South Florida Council
Ten Commandment Hike
15255 NW 82 Ave
Miami Lakes FL 33016

TEQUESTA SPRING CAMPOREE
PACK REGISTRATION FORM

Pack No.: _____ Site: _____
Cubmaster: _____

Adult Volunteer for Inspection: _____

Adult Volunteer for Activities: _____

Patrol Name or Number for Webelos Scouts _____

Scout: _____	Scout: _____
Scout: _____	Scout: _____
Scout: _____	Scout: _____
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Patrol Name or Number for Webelos Scouts _____

Scout: _____	Scout: _____
Scout: _____	Scout: _____
Scout: _____	Scout: _____
Scout: _____	Scout: _____

Patrol Name or Number for Cub Scouts _____

Scout: _____	Scout: _____
Scout: _____	Scout: _____
Scout: _____	Scout: _____
Scout: _____	Scout: _____

Patrol Name or Number for Cub Scouts _____

Scout: _____	Scout: _____
Scout: _____	Scout: _____
Scout: _____	Scout: _____
Scout: _____	Scout: _____

Patrol Name or Number for Tiger Cub Scout: _____

Scout: _____	Scout: _____
Scout: _____	Scout: _____
Scout: _____	Scout: _____
Scout: _____	Scout: _____

Total Scouts: _____

Total Scouter: _____

Grand Total: _____ x \$ _____ = _____

TEQUESTA SPRING CAMPOREE
TROOP REGISTRATION FORM

Troop No.: _____ Site: _____

Scoutmaster: _____

S.P.L. _____ A.S.P.L. _____

Adult Volunteer for Inspection: _____

Adult Volunteer for Activities: _____

Patrol Name for Older Scouts (14 years and over) _____

Patrol Leader: _____

Scout: _____ Scout: _____

Scout: _____ Scout: _____

Scout: _____ Scout: _____

Scout: _____ Scout: _____

Patrol Name for Older Scouts (14 years and over) _____

Patrol Leader: _____

Scout: _____ Scout: _____

Scout: _____ Scout: _____

Scout: _____ Scout: _____

Scout: _____ Scout: _____

Patrol Name for Younger Scouts (13 years and under)

Patrol Leader: _____

Scout: _____ Scout: _____

Scout: _____ Scout: _____

Scout: _____ Scout: _____

Scout: _____ Scout: _____

Patrol Name for Younger Scouts (13 years and under)

Patrol Leader: _____

Scout: _____ Scout: _____

Scout: _____ Scout: _____

Scout: _____ Scout: _____

Scout: _____ Scout: _____

Total Scouts: _____

Total Scouter: _____

Grand Total: _____ x \$ _____ = _____