

THE TEQUESTA SCOUTER DRUMBEAT

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March - April 2004

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

Tequesta Roundtable

Themes

Cub Scout:

March: Cubservation
April: My Home State

Boy Scout

March: Spring Camporee, Risk Management
April:

Calendar of Events

March

1: Roundtables/OA
2-7: Ford Championship at Doral
5-7: OA Lodge Banquet
8: District Committee meeting
15: District Commissioner's meeting
20: Ten Commandments Hike
20: Trail Blazer Adventure
28 - April 3: Eagle Claw JLTC

April

2-3: Youth Expo
5: Roundtables/OA
12: District Committee meeting
16-18: OA Section Conference
16-18: Woodbadge
19: Commissioner's meeting
30-May 2: Spring Camporee

May

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3: Roundtables/OA
7-9: Woodbadge
10: District Committee meeting
17: Commissioner's meeting
22: Trainer Development Conference
22: District Dinner

DORAL CHAMPIONSHIP

The South Florida Council and the 2004 Ford Championship tournament have teamed up to provide financial support to the Scouting programs of South Florida Council. This incredible partnership will help raise money for our Scouts and help deliver the Scouting program to over 30,000 youth right here in our communities.

Purchase the "Blue Monster" package for ONLY \$45! Package includes:

- One ticket for each day of the tournament, Tuesday through Sunday. If purchased individually - \$150 value
 - Tickets get you access to the tournament grounds, bleachers and Captain Bogey's hospitality pavilion
 - Comes with a coupon for a round of golf at the Doral between May 15 and September 15 (\$40 service fee when coupon redeemed) - \$250 value
 - Coupon for 10% of any Doral Spa day package between March 1 and November 1 (Mon - Thurs only) - \$25+ Value
 - Coupon for 20% of purchases of \$100 or more at the shops at Doral between Mar 1 and Nov 1 (Mon - Thurs only) - \$20+value
 - Help support Scouting - Value = Priceless
- A \$450 value for only \$45

Contact Josh Christ
jchrist@sfcsa.org at the Council Office for more information.

O-SHOT-CAW LODGE BANQUET

The Lodge Banquet takes place the weekend of March 5-7 at Camp Seminole. During the weekend, the chapters compete for the Tom Tatham Spirit Award. The highlight is the banquet on Saturday night.



TEN COMMANDMENTS HIKE

The Ten Commandments hike has been rescheduled. The new date is Saturday, March 20. The hike begins at West Flagler Baptist Church located at 5911 W. Flagler Street and ends at Saint John Bosco Catholic Church (1301 W Flagler St). Registration is from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. The cost is \$6 per person. Lunch tickets will be sold at registration for \$3. Contact Rosi Berrios for additional information. 305-546-8071 friendly542003@yahoo.com

TRAIL BLAZER ADVENTURE

A new program is coming to South Florida Council. The first one is on the weekend of March 20. Learn about America's Outdoor Heritage!

- * Hunter safety
- * Archery
- * B.B. Guns
- * Fishing Activities

Plus many other activities related to the great outdoors for all age Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Venture Scouts, Girl Scouts Scouts & parents.

To learn more about the Trailblazer Adventure Program, please visit the following web site:

www.trailblazeradventure.org

For more information, contact Ernesto Carballo at ecarballo@sfcsa.org

YOUTH EXPO

The 2004 annual Scouting Youth Expo will be held at Homestead-Miami Speedway on Saturday April 3, 2004. An overnight camp will be available to all units on Friday, April 2, 2004. Ticket sales began on February 18. A new commission plan has been introduced to alleviate the problems in the past.

EAGLE CLAW JLT

Eagle Claw JLT is a strenuous week-long camping experience. The training conference has two major components—Training and Application. The course runs from March 28 to April 3, 2004 at Camp Seminole.

• Requirements:

- 1) Be at least 13 years of age by January 1, 2004.
- 2) Be at least the rank of First Class.
- 3) Have the desire to be a troop leader.
- 4) Class 2 medical form

All Scouts must be chosen and

approved by the course Scoutmaster.

1) The fee is \$175.

2) Council reserves the right to charge a late fee for applications not paid in full by March 1.

3) Course applications must also include a \$75 deposit.

4) After March 1, applications may not be accepted.

5) Final payment is due March 1.

Visit the Eagle Claw website at www.eagle-claw.net for more information and last minute updates.

DISTRICT CHAIRMAN

District Chairman Gil Betz has been re-elected to his second term as Chairman of Tequesta District.

DISTRICT AWARDS

Now is the time to submit nominations for the Tequesta District Awards. Nominate that deserving Scouter today. The following are the chairperson for each of the awards.

District Award of Merit — Peter Olloqui

Silver Akela — Carmello Rubio

Cuban Royal Palm — Carlos Moreno

Camping Award — Fred Kimball

Spouse Award — Robin Burr

Commissioner Spirit Award — Peter Olloqui

The District Award of Merit nomination form can be obtained from the council office or downloaded from www.sfcbasa.org/PDF/DistrictAwardofMeritNom.pdf

Please visit our District webpage and get familiar with the various ways in which a volunteer adult may be recognized. The process is very transparent and anyone may nominate anyone for any award, from the "Fleur de Lis" certificate to the District Award of Merit, but the Award Committees cannot out-guess you or act on mere verbal suggestions.

It is sad to hear, at the time of the awards: "Why hasn't So and So received an award, with all he/she does for Scouting?" Well, if YOU do not nominate them, how are we to know?. It is even worse when awards are not presented because there have been no nominations for them.

If, after reading the criteria for the various awards, you still have questions, please do not hesitate to call me. I will try to give you the best answer.

Contact any of the chairman or advancement chairman Phil Lecours for additional information. 786-255-2999 or

plecours@msn.com

ADVANCEMENT

There are 24 Eagle projects that have been approved. Phil Lecours reports the following Scouts have earned the rank of Eagle Scout since December:

December 9 2003

Tom Carroll, Troop 336, Andy Pinon SM
Andy Pinon, Troop 336, Andy Pinon Sr. SM

December 16 2003

Daniel Alric, Troop 83, Phil Lecours SM
Ronald Arguello, Troop 83, Phil Lecours SM
Andrew Navarro, Troop 677, Jorge Wesby SM

January 13, 2004

Alex Moreno, Troop 870, Eddy Garcia SM

February 10 2004

Danny Rivas, Jr., Crew 870, Danny Rivas, Sr. NL
Erwin Tejos, Jr., Crew 870, Danny Rivas, Sr. NL

Merit Badge Counselors

Dear Scouters,

We want to share with you some exciting news. At long last we have a complete and inter-active list of Merit Badge Counselors registered with Tequesta District. Any Scout or Scouter, by visiting the Tequesta District webpage, will be able to search for registered Merit Badge Counselors by merit badge, or last name, or unit number. On top of that, the Advancement Committee will keep the listing up to date based on information we will be receiving from you.

This project has been the result of the coordinated efforts between the Advancement Committee and the Tequesta District Webmaster. It has resulted not only in Tequesta District being the first District in South Florida Council implementing the newest Merit Badge Counselor program by "Troopmaster", and the first District posting it in their webpage, but also the first District with an inter-active feature directly available to all Scouts and Scouters.

<http://data.tequestadistrict.org/search.ws4d>

To keep this listing constantly updated, the Advancement Committee depends on you now. Please take the time to check the Merit Badge Counselors listed for your

unit, let me know about names from your unit that should be deleted. If you are a registered Merit Badge Counselor, click on your name, let me know if there are Merit Badges you do not wish to continue doing. If additions of names and/or Merit Badges should be made please use the prescribed form ([link here](#)) and fax them to me for immediate posting. We cannot make additions to names and/or merit badges in any other format.

If for whatever personal reasons you do not wish your name to be part of the on-line Merit Badge Counselors listing, please send me a written request and I will delete all entries related to you. You will still be registered as a Merit Badge counselor but your name will not be available to others.

Yours in Scouting,

Phil Lecours

Philip R. Lecours, Chairman

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TRAINING

Spring Wood Badge Course

To all those Scouters in Tequesta who are interested in taking Wood Badge, it has just been announced there will only be ONE course offered during 2004, which is scheduled for the SPRING. The next one will not be offered until 2005.

The Spring 2004 Wood Badge Course dates are set for:

April 16-18, 2004 and

May 7-9, 2004

For more information and the application on-line, please go to sfcbasa.org/Training/Woodbadge.html
sfcbasa.org/Training/WoodbadgeApplication.html

For further information or any questions, please contact:

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The Tequesta Scouter Drumbeat is edited by Fred Kimball. If you are receiving this by postal mail and you have an email address, please contact me at fred@troop7.org to add you to the list. George Peroni graciously reproduces and mails the newsletter to the committee chairman and unit leaders for whom we do not have an email address.



Tequesta District

Ten Commandments Hike

Saturday, March 20, 2004

Registration 8 a.m. - 9 a.m.

Hike begins at 9 a.m.

Cost: \$6.00 per person

A Scout is Reverent

The Tequesta District Ten Commandments Hike is open to all Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, and Venture Scouts. The hike stops at ten churches where the clergy person gives instruction about one of the Commandments. Lunch (hot dog, chips, soda) tickets will be available for purchase at registration for \$3.00.

Beginning Church: West Flagler Baptist Church -- 5911 W Flagler Street

Ending Church: Saint John Bosco Catholic Church -- 1301 W Flagler Street

Contacts:

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Tequesta District Ten Commandments Hike Registration Form

Type of unit _____ Unit # _____ District _____
Girl Scout/Pack/Troop/Crew

Leader's Name _____ Phone # _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Email address _____

Number of youth participants _____ Adults _____ @ \$6.00 = Total amount \$ _____

Type of payment _____
Cash/Check/Credit Card/Unit Account

* Note: Only cash and checks accepted on the day of the hike.

Pre-register by March 17. Mail to:
South Florida Council
X Commandments Hike
15255 NW 82nd Ave
Miami Lakes FL 33016

