

THE TEQUESTA SCOUTER DRUMBEAT

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March - April 2003

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 March 3 and April 7, 2003.

Tequesta Roundtable

Roundtable Themes

Boy Scout

March: Low Impact Camping - A presentation on "Leave No Trace."

Philmont - Bob Brennan - How to plan a contingent to Philmont High Adventure

April: Compass & Orienteering - Kim Plank - How to teach a compass course.

Scouting Day

Saturday, March 22, 2003

at the

Coral Gables Youth Center

Boy Scouts • Girl Scouts • Cub Scouts
Venture Crews • Explorer Posts

Join us for an exciting day of fun and adventure at the Coral Gables Youth Center on Saturday, March 22, 2003 from 2pm to 8pm. Scouts will be demonstrating all sorts of skills and activities for kids and we're inviting the public to join us to discover the adventure of scouting. For sleep-over camp out Saturday evening, in tents on the field or sleeping bags in the gym.

Every scout group will set up their camp and demonstrate their show-and-tell activity in their space on the field. This is a wonderful opportunity to show the public just how much fun scouting can be and give parents useful information about scout groups in our community. Space is limited... please contact the field director to register your group ASAP.

Please contact our Field Director Mr. Kim Plank to schedule your group activities and reserve your space on the field. kimplank@earthlink.net or telephone: 305-665-7008

More information about Scouting Day is on the George Merrick Foundation Web Site:

www.GeorgeMerrick.org/ScoutingDay.html

The Coral Gables War Memorial Youth Center is located at LeJeune Road and University Drive, ten blocks north of Bird Road. (405 University Drive)

Spring Camporee

The Tequesta Spring Camporee will be held at Camp Seminole the week-end of March 28-30. Tony Miyar, SM 755, is the Campmaster. The theme is Reach For The Stars.

All All Cub Scouts, including tigers, all Boy Scouts, all Girl Scouts, all Crew Scouts are invited to attend. The cost per camper will be \$11.00 for those pre-registered before 3/11/03 and \$15.00 for late registrations.

The campfire will include a Bridging ceremony for Webelos and Girl Scouts.

The Charlie Stoker Trophy is awarded to the overall winner of the Cub Scout events. The Rossell Trophy is awarded to the overall winner of the Boy Scout events. (Rossell is a separate trophy for only the Rossell events. Not all activities are qualifying). The Tatham Trophy is awarded to the overall winner of the 14 and over Boy Scouts events.

NEW AWARDS: Lauren Clark Memorial Trophy is awarded to the overall winner of the Girl Scouts events. William McCool Memorial Trophy is awarded to the overall winner of the Venture Scout events.

The patch will be a collectors item. First patch that has moving part. For additional information, contact Tony at miyar@miyar.net or Office) 305-243-6783. The Camporee Booklet will be available on the Tequesta website.



Council Awards Program

Mark your calendar for Friday, March 21, 2003. This will be an evening celebrating Scouting accomplishments during the past year. It includes the presentation of the 2002 Silver Beaver recipients and Good Turn Award.

The cost is \$20.03. It includes hors d'oeuvres, complimentary soft drinks, and a great evening of celebration. It will be held at the Sheraton Fort Lauderdale located at 1825 Griffin Road.

Other March Events

Climbing/Rappelling Instructor Training

Will be held at Camp Seminole on Saturday, March 1st from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The requirements to attend are: 21 or older for Lead Climbing Instructor, 18 or older for Climbing Instructor, 16 or older for Instructor in Training. Bring a bag lunch and plenty to drink. Applicants must also bring a completed Medical form, be a registered BSA member, and pre-register with the Council Office by February 28. The fee is \$10.

O-Shot-Caw Banquet

The annual banquet will be held the weekend of Feb. 28 - Mar 2. The banquet is on Saturday evening. Fee for the weekend after 2/15 is \$25. Banquet guests are \$8 (no registration on Sat. evening). Cub/Brownies admitted free if in uniform.

IGFA Wolf-Bear Overnight

The IGFA Fishing Hall of Fame has their last Cub Scout event (Wildlife Conservation Belt Loop) for Wolf and Bear Scouts on March 14. Overnight events run from 7 p.m. to 9 a.m.; the cost is \$25 per Scout and 2 free chaperones. Contact 954-924-4309 or www.igfa.org for more information.

Miami Seaquarium Boy Scout Campout

The second annual event will take place on March 8-9 at the Miami Seaquarium. Here's a chance to learn what goes on when the lights go down. Pitch your tents overlooking the Miami skyline

and spend the night in the park and learn about the anatomy, behavior and conservation issues relevant to many S FL aquatic and terrestrial species. Dinner and breakfast are included. Cub and Boy Scouts of all ages and their families are invited to attend. The time is from 2 p.m. to 9:30 a.m. The cost is \$55 per person after Feb. 21 (minimum 5 per group) and one leader is admitted for free with a group of 10 or more. A \$250 non-refundable deposit is required at the time of registration. For more information, call 305-361-5705 X298 or X520 or visit www.miamiseaquarium.com.

Troop 7 80th Anniversary

Troop 7 will have a Court of Honor and 80th Anniversary celebration on Saturday March 15th at the Troop 7 Scout House beginning at 4 p.m. It will include a barbeque dinner.

Calendar of Events

March

3: Roundtable/OA
 10: District Committee Meeting
 15: 80th Anniversary of Troop 7
 17: Commissioner Staff Meeting
 21: Council Awards program
 22: Scouting Day at CG Youth Center
 28-30: Spring Camporee
 30- April 6: Venturing Week at Camp Sawyer

April

4-6: OA Section Conference at Wallwood Boy Scout Reservation
 7: Roundtable/OA
 12: Compass/Orienteering Challenge
 12: New Leader Essentials Training
 14: District Committee Meeting
 21: Commissioner Staff Meeting
 26: Youth Expo - IGFA Outdoor World in Hollywood, FL

May

5: Roundtable/OA
 10: Trainer Development Conference
 12: District Committee Meeting
 17: District Dinner
 18: Bowling Tournament
 19: Commissioner Staff Meeting

June

2: Roundtable/OA
 9: District Committee Meeting
 16-20: Cub Scout Day Camp

Advancement

Congratulations to the following new Eagle Scouts: January 2003 Juan Sebastian Lournaga, Troop 667. February 2003 Servando Infante, Troop 384

Advancement Report for the 12 month period ended 12/31/02

Source: Form 34403 filed by the units with South Florida Council

Rank	Total	Position (10)
Scout	73	Not recorded
Tenderfoot	75	4 th.
Second Class	63	4 th.
First Class	70	3 rd.
Star Scout	37	6 th.
Life Scout	36	6 th.
Eagle Scout	17	4 th.
TOTAL	471	Not recorded

Note on Position: Tequesta is the 6th largest District in number of Boy Scouts (236)

Eagle Scouts by Unit in descending order:

Unit	Total
870	5
007	3
336	2
362	2
710	2
016	1
043	1
677	1
District 17	

Five top advancing units in descending order:

Unit	Advancements
870	51
043	49
083	48
384	40
362	25

Merit Badges earned by District: 1512
 Position in Council: 2 nd.

five top units in Merit Badges earned in descending order:

Unit	Merit Badges Earned
870	208
083	193
021	144
043	137
362	136

Training

Council Wide New Leader Essentials and Youth Protection Training

will be held at the Council Office on Saturday, April 12 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00p.m. The Conference Fee \$5.00 prior to April 4, 2003. After that the cost will be \$7.00 It includes Handouts & Refreshments. Youth Protection Training will begin at 1 p.m. Any questions please contact your district training chairperson or our Conference Director, Susan Gutierrez, at 305-252-8855 or bsainfo@bellsouth.net

Orienteering Challenge

Kim Plank has set up an orienteering course at Tropical Park. He has issued an Orienteering Challenge to Boy Scouts, Venture Scouts, and their leaders for Saturday, April 12. Come and find out if you really know how to use a compass.

Good Turn Project

Grace Alonso, CC T362, submitted this report of a Good Turn Project done by Troop 362.

A Scout is Helpful:

Rev Thomas Nelson, the Charter Organization Representative for First United Methodist Church of S. Miami, and the sponsor for Troop 362, asked our troop to help out a member of his congregation. The man has been sick for quite some time and has been unable to take care of his yard. Rev. Nelson asked if our group would help him out and clean out his yard, which had become quite a mess. Our boys did not hesitate to comply and from the youngest to the oldest showed up ready to work!

On Saturday February 8th, Troop 362 with the leadership of Will Harden, - Asst scoutmaster, Lynn Waldorf-Villoch-Scout Master and Albert Collado,- Parent, completely cleaned the yard made someone's home a nicer place to live, and hopefully someones day a little brighter.

This newsletter is edited by Fred Kimball. Printing and mailing is courtesy of George Peroni. If you are receiving this by postal mail, save George some money and get it by e-mail. Send an e-mail to fred@troop7.org to sign up or submit an article.

