

THE TEQUESTA SCOUTER DRUMBEAT

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September 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 September 9, 2002.

Tequesta Roundtable

Cub Scout theme: Blast Off Webelos activity badges: Communicator, Citizen
Cub Roundtable Chairman: Tony Miyar
Visit www.miyar.net/roundtable.html
Scout Roundtable Chairman: Kim Plank
<kimplank@earthlink.net>

Calendar of Events

September

Aug 30 - Sep 2: Tequesta Weekend Work Project at Camp Sawyer
Sep 9: Roundtables/OA
Sep 12: Join Scouting Night
Sep 14: Venturing Crews Car Wash
Sep 16: District Committee meeting
Sep 23: Commissioner's Staff meeting
Sep 25: Miami-Dade Popcorn kickoff
Sep 28: Indoor Essentials training

October

Oct 5: Bike Rodeo and Tiger Tumble
Oct 5: Indoor Scout leader's training
Oct 7: Roundtables/OA
Oct 11 - 13: Cub & Scout leader training
Oct 11- 13: OA Fall Ordeal
Oct 12: Scouting for Food bag distribution
Oct 14: District Committee meeting
Oct 19: Scouting for Food bag collection
Oct 21: Commissioner's Staff meeting
Oct 21: Popcorn show & sell orders due
Oct 26: OA Haunted Forest

November

Nov 2: Old Cutler Trail Hike
Nov 2: Popcorn show & sell pickup
Nov 4: Roundtables/OA
Nov 11: District Committee meeting
Nov 15-17: Webelos Jamboree
Nov 15-17: OA Section Seminars
Nov 18: Commissioner's Staff meeting
Nov 22: Popcorn prize orders due

December

Dec 2: Roundtable/OA
Dec 6-8: Merit Badge College
Dec 21: Holiday Party

Camp Sawyer Labor Day Weekend Project

Join the leading district in South Florida for a weekend (Aug 30 - Sep 2) of camp improvements and good times. There will be a fishing tournament; the entry fee is \$5.00. All income will go to our 2003 FOS campaign. FREE WEEKEND Packs and Troops welcome. If you work, there will be no camping fees. Bring your tools and work clothes with you. Contact Peter Olloqui H) 305-554-4646 Cell 305-496-6080 Email <peterolloqui@hotmail.com> or our District Executive Pablo Munevar 305-364-0020 <pmunevar@sfcbsa.org>

Join Scouting Night

On Thursday, September 12, Miami-Dade Elementary Schools will be open to receive new Cub and Boy Scouts. Contact our District Executive, Pablo Munevar, to find out which school is closest to your unit or needs help with staffing.

Training

Are your leaders trained? Trained leaders leads to a better program for the Cubs and Scouts. The first training is the Essentials. It will be held on Saturday, September 28. The location has yet to be confirmed, but most likely will be at St. Michael's Catholic Church School located at 2937 W. Flagler St. Registration is at 8:30 a.m. Program begins at 9:00 a.m. Contact Mignon Castineira for additional information. Phone: 305-448-9331
Email <Mignon@msmc.com>

The indoor portion of the Scout leaders training will be held on Saturday., October 5. The program runs from 8:00 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The Outdoor BALOO & Scout leader outdoor training will be held on the weekend of October 11 - 13 at Larry & Penny Thompson Park

Venturing Crews Council Wide Car Wash

On Sat. Sept. 14, each District will hold a car wash to raise money to support Venturing through the World Friendship Fund. For more information call Lorie Coyle 954-394-2426 between 6 and 9 p.m.

Order of the Arrow Fall Ordeal

The Fall Ordeal is scheduled for the weekend of October 11-13 at Camp Seminole. Scout troops are eligible to hold an election once a year. If it has been more than a year since your last election, please contact the Chapter Chief Matthew Murrell <cobra@troop7.org> or Chapter Advisor Robin Burr Phone: 305-443-0394 <Robin@QuantumLeap.net> to schedule an election. Units that have elected candidates that have not gone through the Ordeal need to get them there.

The qualifications for youth members to be elected is as follows: 1) Be a First Class Scout. 2) have 15 days and nights camping within the past 2 years. Six of those nights must be a long term Scout camp, and the remainder from short term camps. 3) have unit leader approval..

Haunted Forest

The O-Shot-Caw Lodge presents the Haunted Forest on Saturday October 26 at Camp Seminole. Don't miss this fun event. It opens at 7 p.m. The Trail starts at 7:30 p.m. Pre-sale tickets are \$3.00 for children and \$4.00 for adults. On site sale is \$4.00 for children and \$5.00 for adults. Tickets will be available at the October Roundtable or at the Council office. Patches and glowsticks may be pre-ordered as well. All proceeds go to the Joseph Aaron Abbott Campership Fund.

District Committee

Chairman: Jon Fisher
Vice Chairman: Gil Betz
Commissioner: Peter Olloqui
Executive: Pablo Munevar
Training: Mignon Castineira
Advancement: Phil Lecours
Camping: David Dreibelbis
Membership: Carmelo Rubio
Finance: Jon Fisher
Friends of Scouting: John Van Coevering
Activities: Stephanie Dreibelbis & Rosa Berrios
Advertising & Drumbeat: George Peroni & Fred Kimball
Technology: Robin Burr
OA Chapter Advisor: Robin Burr
Boy Scout Roundtable: Kim Plank

District Committee Continued

Cub Scout Roundtable: Tony Miyar

Risk Management: Gil Betz

Advancement

These Scouts have earned the Eagle Scout Rank since the last edition:

Guillermo Berrios, Troop 710

Murphy Logan, Troop 336

Alex Musumesi, Troop 870

Alex Harden, Troop 362

Anthony Narula, Troop 336

Matthew Murrell, Troop 7

We are glad to inform you that the scheduled Eagle Board of Review meetings for the approval of Eagle Scout Service Project and/or Eagle Scout Reviews for 2002 & 2003 will be as follows:

2002: August 13, September 10, October 8, November 12, December 10

2003: January 14, February 11, March 11, April 8, May 13, June 10

Extra-ordinary meetings may be scheduled, on a case by case basis.

The meetings take place regularly at the Coral Gables Youth Center, 405 University Drive, Second Floor, Conference Room, Coral Gables, FL 33134

Eagle Scout candidates will meet with the Eagle Board, for Eagle Scout Service Project approvals and/or Eagle Scout Reviews by appointment only. Appointments are requested, either by the candidate or the unit leader, by calling Philip R. Lecours at (786) 255-2999 or e-mail <plecours@bellsouth.net>.

Please do not request appointments for the approval of Eagle Scout Service Project until the candidate has completed the "Plan" and "Develop" portions of the Eagle Scout workbook and all the necessary signatures have been properly affixed.

Please do not request appointments for an Eagle Scout Review until the Eagle Scout application has been certified by the Registrar at the South Florida Council Service Center.

The Advancement Committee strongly advises all Eagle Scout candidates and their adult leaders in charge of advancement to visit the Tequesta District webpage

www.tequestadistrict.org The resources available in that page will be very helpful in the preparation of the Eagle Scout candidate for his meetings with the Eagle Board of Review.

Yours in Scouting,
Philip R. Lecours, Chair

Troop/Pack/Crew 7 Spaghetti Dinner

Troop/Pack/Crew/ 7 invite you to a Spaghetti Dinner on Friday, October 4, from 6-8 p.m. at the Founder's Hall in the First United Methodist Church of Coral Gables located at 536 Coral Way. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for children.

UM Ticket Sales

The University of Miami has contacted me about selling tickets for the UM Boston (Sat. Sep. 21) University game. These tickets are normally \$20 each and they will sell for \$10 if you get to keep \$3.00 each. If you are interested please contact Jared Cobb <jcobb@miami.edu> or me. I do have a contact form and specifics for it that I can e-mail to you. You will need to file a Money Earning Permit with Josh Christ for this.

Doug Lunsford <dlunsford@sfcbsa.org>

Philmont 2003

Bill Gilliland has agreed to chair the 2003 contingent to Philmont. A long time scouter, Bill is also a Miami Dade Homicide Detective and avid camper. If you would like a spot on this trek we have a total of 60 spots available. Please contact Bill at <wgill672@bellsouth.net>

The application is available at the Scout Office. The dates are July 26 - August 10, 2003. The application requires a \$150 non-refundable deposit. The total estimated fee is \$1,250. Scouts must be 14 by January 1, 2003 or 13 and graduated from 8th grade.

Doug Lunsford
South Florida Council
Director Support Services

In memory of Sally Johnson

Council Commissioner Phil Johnson's wife passed away at the end of June. We wish Phil the best during these difficult times. May the Lord be with you.

Origin of Taps

Ever wonder about how things get started? Well, here is a little history about "Taps". The 24 haunting notes has its beginnings during the Civil War.

Before the days of modern communications, bugle calls were used to send commands to the troops. Commanding officers would need to know the bugle calls. Up until the Civil War, Lights Out was a bugle known as "Tattoo" and was used signal the days end. The call was used to notify the soldiers to cease the evening's drinking and return to their garrisons. It was sounded an hour before the final call of the day to extinguish all fires and lights.

In July of 1862, Union General Daniel Butterfield changed the tune because he did not like it. He wrote "The call of Taps did not seem to be as smooth, melodious and musical as it should be, and I called in some one who could write music, and practiced a change in the call of Taps until I had it suit my ear."

Butterfield had called to his tent his bugler, Oliver W. Norton. Norton's account says, "He changed it somewhat, lengthening some notes and shortening others, but retaining the melody as he first gave it to me. After getting it to his satisfaction, he directed me to sound that call for Taps thereafter in place of the regulation call. The music was beautiful on that still summer night, and was heard far beyond the limits of our Brigade. "

How did it become associated with funerals? The first use of Taps was at a funeral during the Peninsular Campaign in Virginia. Captain John C. Tidball of Battery A, 2nd Artillery ordered it played for the burial of a cannoneer killed in action. Since the enemy was close, he worried that the traditional 3 volleys would renew fighting. Since then, it has become a tradition to sound "Taps" for a military man at his funeral.

As soon as Taps was sounded that night in July 1862, words were put with the music. The first were, "Go To Sleep, Go to Sleep." As the years went on, many more versions were created. There are two verses in the Scout Songbook. This is the 1st verse most often used: Day is done, gone the sun, From the hills, from the lake, From the skies. All is well, safely rest, God is nigh.