

THE TEQUESTA SCOUTER DRUMBEAT

www.tequestadistrict.org

November-December 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 Roundtables are on November 4 & December 2, 2002.

Tequesta Roundtable

Boy Scout Roundtable theme for Nov.: Twelve Steps from Life to Eagle.

Calendar of Events

November

Nov 2: Old Cutler Trail Hike
Nov 1-3: OA Section Seminars
Nov 2: Popcorn show & sell pickup
Nov 4: Roundtables/OA
Nov 11: District Committee meeting
Nov 15-17: Webelos Jamboree
Nov 18: Commissioner's Staff meeting
Nov 22: Popcorn prize orders due

December

Dec 2: Roundtable/OA
Dec 6-8: Merit Badge College
Dec 7: Popcorn pickup
Dec 14: Camp Staff Interviews
Dec 14: College of Commissioner Science
Dec 21: Tequesta Holiday Party

January

Jan 3-5: Venture Camporee
Jan 6: Roundtable/OA
Jan 10-12: OA Winter Ordeal
Jan 13: District Committee meeting
Jan 24-26: Lincoln Marti Camporee
Jan 27: Commissioner's Staff meeting

February

Feb 1-2: Barefoot Mailman Hike
Feb 3: Roundtable/OA
Feb 8: SFC Banquet
Feb 10: District Committee meeting
Feb 15: Pushcart & Pinewood Derby
Feb 21-23: Scoutmaster's Camporee
Feb 24: Commissioner's Staff meeting
Feb 25: Venturing Quarterly meeting
Feb 28-Mar 2: OA Lodge Banquet



Calling all Life Scouts

The Tequesta District Advancement Committee will conduct a special presentation of the "Twelve Steps from Life to Eagle" process at the November Roundtable in the West Miami Middle School Auditorium at 7:30 p.m.

This highly informational presentation will guide, step by step, through the whole process of the requirements for a Life Scout to become an Eagle Scout.

Usually, Roundtables are attended by adult Scouters, however, due to the nature of the topic, it is recommended that you invite all of the Life Scouts in your unit, their parents, and any other adults involved in the advancement process of your Scouts.

Old Cutler Trail Hike

You are invited to hike the 28th Old Cutler Historical Trail Hike on November 2nd, 2002. The hike begins at the Torch of Friendship (in front of Bayside) at 401 Biscayne Blvd. In downtown Miami, and ends at Chapman Field Park, at Old Cutler Rd and SW 136 Street in South Miami- Dade.

The cost is \$6.00 per hiker. No patch is guaranteed if you don't pre-register. You may still register the day of the hike and hike the trail. Please complete the attached form and return with payment to the South Florida Council, B.S.A.

Check-in opens at 7:30 a.m. at the torch side, and closes at 9:00 a.m. All units must register at the check-in station. (Pre-registered units will have an EXPRESS LANE to check-in). Uniform for the day is class B for all scout units.

Water is a must! Bring a cup or canteen! Units are encouraged to set up water stations along the route or a "water wagon" (car or van) for the hike. Please have water captains check-in for route maps.

Food will be available for purchase at the start of the hike and delivered at the lunch area when you arrive. You may also bring your own lunch bag.

The hikers must Check-out at the station set up at the Chapman Field Park inside the park grounds.

For further information call the South Florida Council at Dade (305) 364-0020 or Broward at (954) 584-5200.

Return registration forms with payments or checks to the South Florida Council BSA, Old Cutler Hike, 15255 NW 82nd Ave. Miami Lakes, FL 33016.

Webelos Jamboree

More than 2500 Cub Scouts and parents will attend the 2002 "America's Heroes" Webelos Jamboree on November 15-17 at Markham Park in Broward County. There will be a costume contest for your favorite "American Hero".

Pre-registration can be done via an online form with the funds deducted from your unit's account. The cost is \$10 per person plus a \$3 per car entrance fee at the park.

www.sfcbsa.org/Calendar/WebelosJamboree.html

Merit Badge College

Merit Badge College is scheduled for December 6-8. The website is now open for registration. Remember to schedule your boys for classes and to pay the per boy/adult fee of \$20 each by November 15th.

www.meritbadgecollege.org

Rechartering

Unit charters expire on January 31, 2003. The rechartering process will be similar to last year.

The National Council voted in 1996 to raise the per person fee, but has held off raising the fee until now. The new fee is \$10 per person for one year.

Tequesta Holiday Party

Let your hair down and have some fun in a relaxed atmosphere. The annual get-together will be on Saturday, December 21. The location is at the home of Fernando and Marianela Aran beginning at 7:30 p.m. Fernando's address is 5730 SW 100 St. Stephanie Dreibelbis is going to front the cost of the food, and she would like to be reimbursed; please bring \$10 payable to her. It is also BYOB. A gift exchange will be held and a range of \$10 to \$20 is suggested. Contact Stephanie for additional information Sdtravel@aol.com Phone 305-666-5758 (W).

Scouting for Food

The Scouting for Food drive was held on Saturdays October 12 & 19. Bags were distributed and collected on those days. Two units, Troops 7 & 362, turned in food collected at the Troop 7 Scout House.



Haunted Forest

The O-Shot-Caw Lodge presented the Haunted Forest on Saturday, October 26th at Camp Seminole. Over three thousand tickets were sold. The O-Shot-Co-Chee chapter's area was in the Hnu-Ra-Con campsite, and they had a Medieval Castle theme. OA Brothers from Troops 7, 21, 64, 83, & 870 helped in the project.

The Haunted Forest raises funds for the Joseph Aaron Abbott Campership Fund. The fund helps Scouts who need financial assistance to attend summer camp. If you have Scout(s) who need it, the form is available on the O-Shot-Caw Lodge website or contact Chapter Advisor Robin Burr for the form. www.o-shot-caw.org/LodgeInfo/JAACampFund.html

Advancement

MERIT BADGE COUNSELORS

Finally, we have published a complete and updated listing of all the Tequesta

District registered Merit Badge Counselors for 2002. You can find it in the Tequesta webpage <www.tequestadistrict.org/PDF/MBCounselors.pdf>.

If you want to be a registered Merit Badge counselor you may download an application

<<http://www.tequestadistrict.org/PDF/mbcounselorapp.pdf>> fill it in (can be filled in on your computer and printed), sign it, and fax it to Phil Lecours, the Advancement Chairman for Tequesta District at (305) 444-3084 or mail it to: Philip R. Lecours, 611 Velarde Avenue, Coral Gables, FL 33134.

We are still looking for Merit Badge counselors for the following Merit Badges: Dentistry, Farm Mechanics, Landscape Architecture, Textile, Veterinary Medicine, and Whitewater. If you are qualified for any of these Merit Badges, please update your registration by adding them. If you know of any adult who may be qualified to be registered for any of these Merit Badges, please urge him/her to register as such. If the person is not currently registered with the South Florida Council, Boy Scouts of America a membership application is also required. In case of doubt as to qualifications, the requirements for these Merit Badges may be found by visiting <<http://www.merit-badge.com>>.

If you believe you are a currently registered Merit Badge counselor, but your name is not listed in the webpage, it may be that your registration has expired and you are not authorized to sign for completion of any Merit Badge. If you wish to reactivate your registration, all you need to do is to download a new application and follow the same procedures indicated above.

If you are a registered Merit Badge counselor, and your name is listed in the webpage, but you would like to add and/or delete any of the Merit Badges, or if you have changed your unit affiliation, or you have changed your contact information all you need to do is to download a new application, fill it with the current information and fax or mail it to Phil Lecours.

PRIVACY: Your name, unit affiliation, and contact information is part of the Tequesta District webpage and it is available only to those who visit that page. There are no plans to have this list posted in the South Florida Council or any

of the Boy Scouts of America webpages. However, if you would like to have your name removed from the published listing, please contact <Webmaster@TequestaDistrict.org> and request that your name be deleted.

Venturing

Ahoy Mates! Come and join us at the third annual Venture Camporee "Hidden Jewel Weekend" at Camp Sawyer in the beautiful FL Keys on the weekend of Jan 3-5, 2003. Send the registration form and unit deposit of \$50 to Odette Palomo. The deposit goes toward the over-all camping fee which is \$20 per person if received by December 6th, \$25 after December 6. An event book will be sent to you after you register. The registration form is available at the Council office and on the Council website. www.sfcbsa.org

Scout Days at IGFA

The International Game and Fish Association is inviting Cab & Boy Scouts to events at their facility. Upcoming days are scheduled for November 9, Webelos Day - Earn your Fishing belt loop; December 14, Wolf-Bear Day - Earn your Fishing belt loop; January 17, Webelos overnight - Conservation belt loop and Naturalist badge; February 9, Tiger Cub Day - Fishing belt loop; March 14, Wolf-Bear overnight - Wildlife Conservation belt loop.

For additional information, call 954-924-4309 or visit www.igfa.org

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