

THE TEQUESTA SCOUTER DRUMBEAT

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November-December 2003

The Tequesta Roundtables are held the first Monday of the month (2nd if 1st is a holiday) at West Miami Middle School located at 7525 SW 24 St (Coral Way) at 7:30 p.m. The next Roundtables are on November 3, 2003 and December 1, 2003.

Tequesta Roundtable

Calendar of Events

November

- 3: Roundtables/OA Chapter meeting
- 7-9: Webelos Jamboree
- 7: Popcorn Take Orders due
- 10: District Committee meeting
- 13: New Leader Essentials training
- 14-16: OA Section Seminars
- 14-16: Venturing Leadership Skills Course
- 15: Cub Leader Specific training
- 19: Venturing Roundtable
- 17: District Commissioners meeting
- 20: FOS Family Unit Presenter training
- 22: Popcorn Pickup

December

- 1: Roundtables/OA Chapter meeting
- 6: Old Cutler Trail Hike
- 12-14: Merit Badge College
- 20: District Holiday Party

January 2004

- 2-4: Venturing Camporee
- 5: Roundtables/OA Chapter meeting
- 9-11: OA Winter Ordeal
- 12: District Committee meeting
- 17: University of Scouting
- 23-25: Lincoln Marti Camporee
- 26: Commissioner's meeting

February

- 2: Roundtables/OA Chapter meeting
- 7-8: Barefoot Mailman Hike
- 9: District Committee meeting
- 14: Pinewood Derby
- 14: Council Recognition Gala ???
- 20-22: Scoutmaster's Camporee
- 21: Scoutmaster's Indoor training
- 23: Commissioner's meeting
- 28-29: Scoutmaster's Outdoor training

WEBELOS JAMBOREE

The 26th Webelos Jamboree is at a new location this year. It will be held the weekend of November 7-9 at Amelia Earhart park located 401 E 65th Street in Hialeah. The per person fee is \$12 per person before October 20 and \$20 after that.

The Jamboree will give each Webelos the chance to work on Activity Pins and the campout with his Den that fulfills requirement for camping with your Den. There are lot of games, a Pack "Gateway" Competition and Chariot Races.

For more information contact Matt Kinsey, mattkinsey@bellsouth.net, Otto Goedhart, 305-364-0020 x 232, ogoedhart@sfcbsa.org, or Ernesto Carballo 305-364-0020 x 237, ecarballo@sfcbsa.org

TRAINING

Training Chairman Henry Gutierrez reports that the October New Leader Essentials course was well attended. It will be offered again on the evening of Thursday, November 13, at the Coral Gables Methodist Church. The Cub Leader specific training is scheduled for Saturday, November 15, at the Coral Gables Methodist Church. Programs offered will be based on sign-ups. Contact Henry at 305-252-8855 or bsainfo@bellsouth.net.

Webelos Outdoor Leader Training

Get ready to have a great time, meet new friends and swap Scout stories.

When: December 5-7, 2003 Check in 5:30p.m.

Where: Camp Seminole

Who: All webelos leaders

Cost: \$20 pre-registered by Dec. 1, \$30 at the door. Includes all food. Bring camping gear, chair, pen, paper, cup, and class A uniform

OLD CUTLER TRAIL HIKE

Jeff Cohen [305-226-7405 <jlcohen@bellsouth.net>] is the hikemaster for this year's hike. The new date for the hike is December 6, 2003. The date was changed due to the Free Trade conferences being held at the same time the hike was scheduled for in November and access to the starting location has been restricted.

The early-bird cost is \$6.00 per hiker, if payment is received by December 1st, 2003. After this date the cost is \$8.00 per hiker. No patch is guaranteed the day of the hike if you don't pre-register. You may still

register the day of the hike and hike the trail. You can pre-order your medals now.

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 (Although Class A uniform is encouraged).

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 registration form and map is available at www.sfcbsa.org or www.tequestadistrict.org. The hike ends at Pinecrest Gardens, the site of the old Parrot Jungle.



A new patch has been designed for participants of the Old Cutler Trail hike and the second day of the Barefoot Mailman hike. Hikers who do not hike the whole Barefoot Mailman hike are invited to attend the second day from Haulover to Miami Beach. This will be the 40th anniversary of the Barefoot Mailman Hike.



MERIT BADGE COLLEGE

December 12-14, 2003 at Barbara Goleman High School in Miami Lakes.

Adult Training and Venturing Program offered again!

The Swimming and Lifesaving merit badges have been canceled.

Deadlines to Keep:

11/21/2003 Unit Registration Closed.

11/28/2003 Cannot add or delete scouts or adults.

12/5/2003 Final changes to scout schedules

12/05/2003 Final full payment due at Council.

VENTURE ROUND-UP

Howdy, come and join us at the fourth annual Venture camporee. It will be at Camp Sawyer the weekend of January 2-4, 2004. The camping fee is \$15 per person if paid before December 12. After the 12th, there will be a \$5 late fee. For additional information, contact President Maite Palomo at 305-228-7297, fireprncss@hotmail.com or Advisor Odette Palomo at myhappygiraffe7@hotmail.com

ADVANCEMENT

On September 23, 2003, David MacNamara, of Crew 43 became an Eagle Scout.

At the Tequesta Eagle Board meeting, on October 15th., the following Scouts were satisfactorily reviewed for the rank of Eagle Scouts; Randall Berg, Troop 1 and Chuck Cohen, Troop 7.

MEMBERSHIP

by Pablo Munevar—District Executive

Have you enrolled new members this fall?

Recruiting is a year-round activity. It is done when you hold an event, when you hike with your pack or troop, or during any event in which your unit is wearing the uniform. The months of September, October and November are when we hold our main Enrollment Drives. We do it during this time because the program is starting and the new kids get to enjoy a year-round program. This is also the time where we hold most of our training meetings.

We focus a lot into recruiting Cub Scouts because this is the group that needs it the most. Young children's minds are like a theater, where the ones who occupy the first seats are the ones who will have the

biggest influence in their lives. If we are there, in the first rows, we can be assured that children will grow strong with our principles of good citizenship, positive development and personal fitness. We want all bad influences to sit in the back or not enter the theater at all.

We need to make sure that our program reaches the highest amount of children possible. In these days, when families hardly spend any time together, children are shooting other children, prayer is forbidden in schools, and respect for other is measured by economic means, The Boy Scouts are a breath of fresh air. We promote morals, ethics and positive values that last a lifetime.

We encourage you to recruit more children for your pack or troop. Here are some suggestions on how to do it:

- Contact your local School Principal and ask him/her to allow you to promote the program through classroom talks. If you are allowed to do so, call your district executive (Pablo Munevar at 305.364.0020 x 236) for arrangements on flyers. If the time schedule allows, he can help you with distribution.

- Make sure you also arrange for an information meeting at the school where you are recruiting. Parents and kids feel comfortable by attending their school. During the meeting, inform them about your meeting place and lay your ground rules. After they are aware of how the program works, ask both kids and PARENTS to sign up.

- Bring the applications to council! If you keep the applications with you, they're as good as if they hadn't been filled. The South Florida Council makes sure your kids are registered. Make sure this happens. Contact Council and compare your roster with ours.

- Recruiting Boy Scouts is more difficult. Contact your district executive for materials and ideas that have been proven to work. Use interest surveys and other materials.

- Do not expect the kids and parents to just walk into your unit. 90% of the times that it happens, the family has contacted the South Florida Council and we have directed them to a unit. It is important to advertise your unit! You dedicate a lot of time, effort and funds to make sure your unit is in good shape. Other people should also know your unit is great. Write an article for your community newspaper or bulletin; announce yourself during church services; have a flag ceremony during mass; send a note through the PTA of your school about

your meetings. There are many ways to spread the word on all the good deeds and fun activities your unit is doing.

Recruitment is a joint effort. One person cannot do it all. Look around your unit. How many of the unit leaders and children joined because someone once approached them with a flyer and ask them to join the Boy Scouts? This is why we recruit.

ORDER OF THE ARROW Haunted Forest

The O-Shot-Co-Chee chapter had a good turn-out of its members and created a Pirate's Cove theme. The Haunted Forest raised just over \$15,000 for the Joseph Aaron Abbott Campership Fund. Thanks to all who participated.

One Day Service Project

The chapter performed its One Day Service Project by cleaning trash from the Coral Gables Waterway by canoe.

The Scouts collected more than 100 pounds of trash and discarded items in about four hours, including soda cans and fast food containers, styrofoam, old fishing poles, beer bottles and plastic items of every variety.

Dues

The dues for 2004 are due by the end of December. The form can be downloaded from www.o-shot-caw.org/LodgeInfo/DuesForm.pdf

HOLIDAY PARTY

The Tequesta District Holiday party is on Saturday, December 20, 2003. District Commissioner Peter Olloqui will be hosting it at his home. His address is 1751 SW 138th Ct. The dinner is going to be a covered dish dinner. Also, please bring \$5.00 to cover the cost of chair and table rental. The most interesting part of the evening is our famous gift exchange. Peter can be contacted at (H) 305-554-4646 (C) 305-496-6080 peterolloqui@bellsouth.net

BOYS' LIFE READING CONTEST

Readers have until Dec. 31, 2003 to submit a report of 500 words or less on "The Best Book I Read This Year." Books can be fiction or nonfiction. The contest is open to all youth *Boys' Life* readers. All entrants receive a free Pedro patch if they include a self addressed stamped envelope. Send the reports to Boys' Life Reading Contest, S306, PO Box 152079, Irving TX 75015-2079.

2003 Old Cutler Historical Trail Hike December 6th, 2003



Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Venturers, Explorers and Girl Scouts!

You are invited to hike the 29th Old Cutler Historical Trail Hike. The hike begins at the Torch of Friendship (in front of Bayside) at 401 Biscayne Blvd. In downtown Miami, and goes for 11.5 miles.

The early-bird cost is \$6.00 per hiker, if payment is received by December 1st, 2003. After this date the cost is \$8.00 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. You can pre-order your medals now. 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** (Although Class A uniform is encouraged).

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.

Maps will be available at www.sfcbbsa.org, or www.tequestadistrict.org after November 7th.

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 **Checkout** at the station set up at the end of the hike before 4:30 PM to receive their patches and completion certificates.

The Old Cutler is a great warm-up hike for the Barefoot Mailman hike and the Philmont expedition.

For further information call the South Florida Council at Dade (305) 364-0020. Return registration forms with payments or checks to the South Florida Council BSA, Old Cutler Hike, 15255 NW 82nd Ave. Miami Lakes, Fl 33016.

OLD CUTLER HISTORICAL TRAIL HIKE

TOTAL PAYMENT: _____

BSA UNIT # _____ UNIT HIKE LEADER: _____ #YOUTH: _____
GSA UNIT # _____ PHONE #: _____ #ADULTS: _____
TOTAL: _____

YES! I would like to order _____ Limited Edition Hike Medals*.

***(\$8.00 per medal-Medals are limited-order soon!)**