

THE TEQUESTA SCOUTER DRUMBEAT

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All Units Must Recharter by January 28, 2002

Rechartering

The date for all units to recharter has been moved to the month of January. Why? Because it will allow the unit and district commissioners to focus on rechartering and allow the Council to better track rechartering. By completing it early in the year, it will be easier to spot and help the units that are not on time.

Five regional meetings were held during the month of November to distribute the packets. The unit leaders were notified by mail that their attendance was required at one of the meetings to go through the training and receive their unit's packets. If your unit does not yet have their packet, contact our DE, Pablo Munevar, or District Commissioner Carlos Moreno.

The steps for each unit to take are to: conduct a membership inventory of all registered members, correct any incorrect information, obtain the required signatures, and calculate the total rechartering costs.

The annual fees are all an even dollar amount. If your unit rechartered later than last January, the extra month(s) will be reimbursed to your unit's account with the Council office.

It has been requested that units turn in their papers through the DE or District Commissioner at either Roundtable, District Committee meeting, or the special recharter party that will held at CarMax on Monday, January 28, 2002. CarMax is located on the north side of 836 between the NW 87th and NW 107th Avenue exits.

Old Cuter Trail Hike

The hike was postponed due to Hurricane Michele's projected track near the SE FL coast. It has been rescheduled for December 1st. The hike begins at the Torch of Friendship (in front of Bayside) in downtown Miami and ends at Chapman Field Park.

The cost is \$5.00 per hiker. Approximately 900 had pre-registered at press time.

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. The uniform for the day is Class B for all Scout units.

Food will be available for purchase at the start of the hike and will be delivered to the lunch area.

For further information, call the Council office at 305-364-0020.

Cub Mobile Derby

This year's derby will be hosted by Pack 818 at Marjory Stoneman Douglas Elementary located at 11901 SW 2nd Street on Saturday, December 8. The registration opens at 8:00 a.m.

The derby is open to Tigers, Wolf, Bears, Webelos 1 and 2, and Girl Scouts. The registration fee after November 20th is \$7.00.

Uniform: Class B and sneakers.

Safety Requirements: Pass inspection, wear helmets, elbow, and knee pads.

Breakfast: muffins, doughnuts, OJ, and coffee al la carte.

Lunch: hot dogs, chips, and soda for \$2.75.

For additional information, contact Cubmaster Fulgencio Rivas at 305-219-2181.

Holiday Party

The Tequesta District Holiday party will be held on Friday, December 15 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).

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 December 3, 2001.

Boy Scout Theme

December: New Troop Committee Training Syllabus

Youth Protection Training

Youth Protection training will be held at the December and January Roundtables beginning at 7:00 p.m. It also will be offered at the Merit Badge College.

Order of the Arrow Winter Ordeal

The Winter Ordeal will be held at Camp Seminole the weekend of January 4-6. The Fall Ordeal was cancelled due to a tropical storm that was approaching the weekend of the ordeal. Due to the increased number of candidates expected to attend, the location of the Ordeal has been changed from Camp Everglades to Camp Seminole. The camp was booked for the originally scheduled date, so the Lodge Executive Committee decided to move the Ordeal up one week to January 4-6.

New Chapter Chief

Chuck Cohen, a Life Scout from Troop 7, has been elected as the new Chapter Chief of the O-Shot-Co-Chee Chapter. Matthew Murrell, a Life Scout from Troop 7, has been elected as the Vice Chief. The previous chief and vice chief could not fulfill their duties. The term of office runs until the June chapter meeting.

Haunted Forest

The Haunted Forest was held on October 27 at Camp Seminole. \$13,000 was raised for the Joseph Aaron Abbott Campership Fund. This fund helps Scouts who need financial assistance to attend summer camp at Camp Lone Oak.

Tequesta
Roundtable

Calendar of Events

December

- 1: Old Cutler Trail Hike
- 3: Roundtable/OA
- 7-9: Merit Badge College
- 8: Cub Mobile Derby
- 15: Holiday Party

January

- 7: Roundtable/OA
- 4-6: OA Winter Ordeal
- 14: District Committee Meeting
- 18-20: Lincoln-Marti Camporee
- 26: University of Scouting
- 28: Commissioner Recharter Party

February

- 2-3: Barefoot Mailman Hike
- 4: Roundtable/OA
- 9: Council Recognition Dinner
- 11: District Meeting
- 22-24: Scoutmaster's Camporee
- 25: Commissioner's Staff Meeting

Haunted Forest cont.

The O-Shot-Co-Chee chapter's theme was an "Abandoned Mine". The cool northerly breezes made it feel as if you really were entering a mine. Visitors were greeted by flying bats, a giant spider and other creepy things, a dead canary, a silver man, a deranged miner, and even a waterfall.

Unit Elections

These units have had an election or are scheduled for one during December: Troops 7, 16, 83, 322, 384, 870. If it has been more than a year since a troop has had an election, please contact Chapter Chief Chuck Cohen

<neoseph@bellsouth.net> or Adviser Robin Burr
<Robin@QuantumLeap.net>

OA Dues

O-Shot-Caw Lodge dues for the 2002 year are due. The rate is \$10 prior to December 31 and \$15 thereafter. The dues form can be downloaded from the Lodge website. www.o-shot-caw.org

Paul Anderson to carry Olympic Torch

Our own Paul Anderson was nominated by many S FL Scouters and Scouts to carry the Olympic torch. He will be carrying it in the central FL area on either December

7 or 8. It will proceed down the state to Miami a day or two later.

Advancement

New Eagle Scout

Congratulations to Gerardo Couzo, Troop 575, Scoutmaster Frank Lengyel.

Eagle Scout Project Workbook

Thanks to Hurricane District, Eagle Scout candidates may now download, in "Word" format, the Official South Florida Council Eagle Scout Workbook and do the typing directly on the workbook. No more cut, paste and photocopy, no more re-typing of the format. Now it can be done directly to produce a neat looking Eagle Scout Workbook. The page is www.hurricanedistrict.org/eagleforms.htm There is also a link for it by visiting the Tequesta District webpage.

Eagle Project Approval

As of lately, we have seen very interesting and worthwhile projects requesting approval. However, the written presentation is not up to the standards and, in some cases, important details are just verbally expressed to the Eagle Board of Review. This creates delays for the candidates. Please recommend your Eagle Scout candidates that, before meeting with the District Eagle Board of Review, for the approval of their projects, they should check their written presentation against the checklist used by the Eagle Board by downloading the list from the District [web page](http://tequesta.webprovider.com/eagle_projects_cklist.pdf) http://tequesta.webprovider.com/eagle_projects_cklist.pdf. Chances are that, by doing that, the project will be approved with just one visit.

Eagle Scout Documentation Resource

We understand that, every candidate for the Eagle Scout rank, goes through the process only once in his lifetime and, that the Life to Eagle process could be, at times, confusing to him. It is also understandable that, sometimes, the candidate's leaders may not be too familiar with the procedures. In those cases, the candidates and/or their leaders may seek the help of the Eagle Board Chairman, Philip R. Lecours by calling (305) 699 3557, faxing (305) 444-3084 or e-mail <plecours@bellsouth.net>. He will be glad

to assist prior to the candidate's meeting with the Eagle Board for the approval of the project and/or the Eagle rank.



Merit Badge Counselors

We are pleased that most of the Tequesta Troops have turned in their Merit Badge Counselors' Applications. For the month of January 2002, we would like to publish the roster of Tequesta District Registered Merit Badge Counselors. Once the roster is published, only those Merit Badge Counselors listed there will be officially authorized to sign Merit Badge applications as completed. If you have not turned in the forms for the Merit Badge Counselors affiliated with your unit, please do it now to have them approved and included in the roster.

In Sympathy

On Tuesday, November 13, Edilberto Gonzalez Castineira, husband of Mignon, passed away after a heart attack. We offer our condolences and sympathy to Mignon and her family.

About this newsletter

This is the 8th edition of *The Tequesta Scouter Drumbeat*. George Peroni offered in February to mail a newsletter to the unit leaders of the District if he was provided a camera ready copy. Due to the lack of a mailing label list, the first couple of issues were sent out only by email. To date, one issue was mailed in May. Thank you to Council Commissioner Phil Johnson for obtaining the labels; this month's issue will be mailed to all unit committee chairman, Scoutmasters & Cubmasters and their assistants, Webelos leaders, Varsity Coaches, and Skippers for whom I don't have an email address. To sign up on the email list, send a request to Fred Kimball <Fred@Troop7.org>.