

THE TEQUESTA SCOUTER DRUMBEAT

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November–December 2007

Recharter packets will be available at the November roundtable.

Be sure to send a representative from your unit!

The Tequesta roundtables are held the first Monday of the month (2nd if 1st is a holiday) at 7:30 P.M. at the First United Methodist Church of Coral Gables. The Church is located at 536 Coral Way.

Tequesta
Roundtable

ROUNDTABLE THEMES

November: Rechartering & Order of the Arrow

December: Campfires at A.D. Barnes Park

Calendar of Events

November 2007

- 5: Roundtable
- 9-11: OA Section Seminars
- 13: District Committee meeting
- 17: Seaquarium Trainer Day
- 17: Mow Camp Everglades day

December 2007

- 1 Old Cutler Trail Hike
- 3: Roundtable
- 7-8: Extreme Games
- 14: Unit recharterers due
- 15: Holiday Party
- 17: Recharter turn in
- 29: Junior Orange Bowl Parade

January 2008

- 4-6: Venturing weekend
- 7: Roundtable
- 11-13: OA Winter Ordeal
- 25-27: Lincoln-Marti camporee

February 2008

- 2-3: Barefoot Mailman Hike
- 4: Roundtable
- 11: District committee meeting

RECHARTER PROCESS AT NOVEMBER ROUNDTABLE

All units need to submit their charter by **December 14th**. The recharter packet will be at the November roundtable. Be sure to send a representative from your unit to pick up the charter packet and learn the procedure for completing the recharter process. Please bring your completed charter to the December roundtable at A.D. Barnes park.

The **December roundtable** will be held at A.D. Barnes park located at 3401 SW 72nd Ave. Enjoy a fall evening under the stars and a campfire learning experience.

BOY SCOUT SEAQUARIUM TRAINER DAY

Discover what it takes to be a marine mammal trainer at the Miami Seaquarium. Boys will take part in a dolphin interaction, participate in feeding the sea lions, listen to an educational presentation, and so much more. Lunch and a snack is provided. The cost is \$50. For more information, call 305-361-5705 ext. 520 or visit www.miamiseaquarium.com.

EXTREME GAMES MOVED TO DECEMBER 7-8 AT DOLPHINS STADIUM

The Scout Extreme Games will begin on Friday evening with a din-

ner from Pollo Tropical, a movie, fireworks, and a sleepover. Saturday will be filled with static and interactive displays with fun for all ages. There are no ticket sales, just pay the registration fee and participate.

The Early Bird deadline is Monday, November 26. A \$5 late fee is added for Scouts after the 26th. The fee schedule is \$20 for Scouts for the sleepover, dinner, and Saturday pass. If a Scout has filled up a Popcorn Take Order Sheet, the fee is \$15. The fee for adults is \$15 for the sleepover and Saturday pass. A Saturday pass is \$10 for youth and adults.

CAMP EVERGLADES WORKDAY

Camp Everglades is mowed and opened by volunteers led by the Thunderbird District. Please consider bringing a lawnmower, line trimmer, or chain saw to get the camp ready for units to camp. Another long term project is to knock down the old concrete block latrines and fill the holes. A long term project is to build recycling toilets. Removal of brazilian pepper is another project. Plan to arrive at 8 a.m. on Saturday, November 17. Lunch will be provided by the council. Contact Jim Happell to answer any questions at 305-473-0700 or email to jhappell@rsmas.miami.edu.



100TH ANNIVERSARY LOGO CONTEST

The BSA 100th Anniversary Celebration Logo Contest is designed to inspire every Scout to be involved in a part of history. We need your help to encourage the Scouts in your area to pick up a crayon, a pen, a pencil, or a computer mouse and submit ideas!

This opportunity is especially exciting because the winner will fly to San Francisco and work with world-renowned graphic artist and Eagle Scout Kit Hinrichs to bring the winning logo idea to life! Mr. Hinrichs is known for his patriotic work involving American flag memorabilia, and several of his pieces are on display at the Museum of Modern Art in New York. This is a once-in-a-lifetime chance for one lucky Scout, so please help in spreading the word! All entries are due Nov. 30, 2007.

To recognize the outstanding efforts of our Scouts, in addition to the logo contest patch and participation certificate that every Scout entering the contest will receive, winners in each category will receive a \$100 ScoutStuff.org gift card. The overall winner will receive a \$250 ScoutStuff.org gift card.

The rules and application form can be found here: <http://ww2.scouting.org/100years/100years/content/NationalLogoContest.aspx?tr=y&auid=3146345>.

OLD CUTLER TRAIL HIKE

The 33rd Old Cutler Trail Hike will be held on Saturday, December 1st. The hike begins at the Torch of Friendship (401 Biscayne Blvd) in downtown Miami and finishes at

Pinecrest Gardens (11000 Red Rd). The cost is \$5 per hiker (\$10 at the hike). Check-in is from 7:30 to 9:30 A.M. Registration forms are available at the council office and at roundtables. The registration form and map is on the SFC Web site at www.sfcbasa.org/PDF/OldCutlerTrailHike2007.pdf. For more information, contact Fred Kimball at 786-385-3832 or fkimball@smcc.us.

LINCOLN-MARTI CAMPOREE

The 38th Lincoln-Marti Camporee is scheduled for the weekend of January 25–27, 2008 at the Carlos Arboleya campgrounds. The campmaster is Nelson Erazo. The theme is “Pirates of the Caribbean”.

Upcoming general meetings are on November 8, December 6, and January 10 at the council service center. Early registration closes on January 11, 2008. For more information, contact Nelson at 305-826-7809 or ner579@netzero.com. The camporee files are on the council Web site at www.sfcbasa.org. Scroll down the right frame to find the files.

SCOUTMASTERS CAMPOREE

The 49th Scoutmasters Camporee at Markham Park is scheduled for February 22–24, 2008. The theme is “Aquatic Environments”. Learn a little about Florida’s aquatic ecosystems while having fun at the activities on Saturday. The arena show concludes with a spectacular fireworks show. Reserve a campsite by sending a \$50 deposit. The per person fee has been raised to \$18 due to significant increases in the fees

charged by Broward County for use of park facilities. All of the forms can be found on the council Web site at www.sfcbasa.org/SMCC.htm or www.smcc.us.

NEW EAGLE SCOUTS

Advancement chairman Jorge Montes proudly informs you of the following young men who have earned the coveted Eagle Scout rank in September and October.

September:

Michael A Martin Troop 83 - Kevin Insua - Scoutmaster

Mauricio B Figueroa T-744 - William Perez - Scoutmaster

Ponciano Gari C 43 - Frank Fernandez - Crew Advisor

October:

William Perez Troop 744 - William Perez - Scoutmaster

Eagle Scout candidates who need to schedule a project approval or board of review should contact advancement chairman Jorge Montes at 305 992-2140 or e-mail j4montes@bellsouth.net.

O-SHOT-CO-CHEE OA CHAPTER

The next chapter meeting on Wednesday November 6 at the First United Methodist Church of Coral Gables. The chapter chapter had a good display at the Haunted Forest. The O-Shot-Caw Lodge raised over \$10,000 on Saturday, October 20 for the Joseph Aaron Abbott Campership fund. The chapter also held its One Day of Service project the following week at the Miami City Cemetery. The grave markers of veterans were made visible by removing the grass and dirt that covered them.

The new *Florida Camping Guide* is on the chapter Web site at

oshotcochee.org/where_to_go_camping/. It contains a collection of links to campsites in Florida.

JR ORANGE BOWL PARADE

Tequesta District will have an entry in the Jr. Orange Bowl Parade. All units are welcome to participate with the district. The theme of this year's parade is "Walking with CHILDREN to BECOME LEADERS OF TOMORROW".

The parade is on Saturday, December 29, 2007. We will meet to set up the float at the 1st United Methodist Church of Coral Gables at 6 P.M. Please call the parade committee chair Albert Verdecia at 305-445-2569 or email albert13@bellsouth.net.

EAGLE SCOUTS SAVE A LIFE

This is when we know Scouting made a difference.

Two Eagle Scouts from BSA Troop 530 in Hurricane District put their CPR Scout training and skills to work. On Friday night 10/26/07 at 7 P.M. Kevin Schreier, {Eagle Scout 5/12/03} a manager at Shorty's Restaurant in Kendall heard a loud bang in the dining area. When Kevin went to investigate, he found Carolyn, a server for 30+ years collapsed on the floor, her head banged and her face turned blue; she had suffered a heart attack (this he found out later), Matthew Fay, (Eagle Scout 12/17/03) also a server immediately ran and called Fire Rescue. Kevin cleared the area, positioned her body, checked her airway and instructed a patron in the restaurant how to do chest compressions while he started

mouth to mouth resuscitation. They were able to get Carolyn breathing, she also opened her eyes, and color was returning to her face. When Fire Rescue arrived Kevin was told that not only did he save her life but also prevented brain damage from lack of oxygen. Kevin meantime overcome with so many emotions just walked outside to be alone for a few minutes. Carolyn is at Baptist hospital at the BCVI (cardio vascular institute) wing and doing very well.

AUDUBON HOUSE SCOUT PROJECTS

The Tropical Audubon Society located at 5530 Sunset Drive (SW 72 Street) could use help with habitat restoration work.

The property is 3.5 acres. There is a small pine rock-land which has been restored. An expansion of that habitat is in progress. There is also hardwood hammock habitat. Most of the work is in removing exotics, planting native plants, and general maintenance. A lot of progress has been made, but much remains to be done. The goal is to have the property to be "near 100% native plants". The restored habitat will be a gem of a ecological and educational asset in the heart of South Miami.

Lewis (Brother) Milledge has sent me these projects that could be used for community service hours or for an Eagle project.

Placing mulch on the paths

All the paths need mulch. We have carts. I can see @10 Scouts being involved with this for several hours. Combine with a tour of the pine rock-land habitat restoration and a tour of the hardwood hammock. I would need lead time to get the mulch delivered.

General Work around the chickee

There is a chickee on the back of the property which was used for school programs until the last hurricanes. If this area was cleaned up, the area might be used once again for school programs... or possibly for programs like Bird Study Merit Badge. I can see @ 10 Scouts being involved with this for several hours. Combine with a tour of the pine rock-land habitat restoration and a tour of the hardwood hammock.

Possible Eagle Project

Provide a handicapped access ramp to the existing bathroom that is near the chickee. (The bathrooms are accessible once you get to the slab.)

Possible Eagle Project

Improve the Butterfly Habitat by the addition of native host and nectar plants. Develop a Guide Book (perhaps similar to the one for the Coral Gables Library). Scout could consult with members of the Miami Blue Chapter. Project would involve learning about what plants are already on the property; what plants would make good additions; getting the plants; organizing the planting crew; labeling the plants; new and existing; providing for watering of new plants during establishment time; organizing and printing a Guide Book.

If your unit (or a patrol) would like to help with these projects, please contact Brother Milledge at 305-667-1156 during the day or leave a message or send an email to: lmilledge@mac.com

For information about the Tropical Audubon, go to: www.tropicalaudubon.org.

The Tequesta Scouter Drumbeat is edited by Fred Kimball. Articles can be sent to fkimball@smcc.us.

2007 Old Cutler Trail Hike

Saturday, December 1, 2007



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

You are invited to hike the 33rd anniversary of the Old Cutler Historical Trail Hike on December 1, 2007. The hike will begin at the Torch of Friendship (in front of Bayside Mall) at 401 Biscayne Blvd. in downtown Miami and ends at Pinecrest Gardens (11000 Red Road, Pinecrest, FL 33156).

The cost is \$5.00 per hiker. Units that pre-register will have first priority of patches; additional patches will be ordered if necessary. You may register on December 1st and hike the trail (Please note that on-site registration is \$10.00 per hiker, so please pre-register!). You can pre-order your medals now by using the form below. Please complete and return with your payment to the South Florida Council, B.S.A.

Check-in opens at 7:30 A.M. at the torch side, and closes at 9:30 A.M. All units must register at the check-in station. (Pre-registered units will have an EXPRESS LANE to check-in). Every unit **must** complete a roster of adult and youth participants prior to starting the hike. **Uniform for the day is class B for all Scout units** (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. You can park your car at Pinecrest Gardens in the morning and carpool to Bayside Mall.

Maps for the hike are available at www.sfcbsa.org or www.tequestadistrict.org.

Food will be available for purchase at the start of the hike and delivered to the lunch area (Ingraham Park, Ingraham Hwy and LeJune Rd) when you arrive. You may also bring your own lunch bag (make sure it won't spoil in the heat).

The unit leader must **Check-out** at the station set up at the end of the hike before 5:00 P.M. to receive their patches, completion certificates, and medals.

For further information, call the South Florida Council at (305) 364-0020, or (954) 584-4200, ext. 238.

Return registration forms with payments or checks to the South Florida Council BSA, Old Cutler Hike, 15255 NW 82nd Ave, Miami Lakes FL 33016. Form can be faxed to 305-821-6222. SKU: # 900229

OLD CUTLER HISTORICAL TRAIL HIKE 2007 **South FL Council, BSA** Sellwise = # 900229

BSA UNIT # _____ PACK _____ TROOP _____ CREW _____ #YOUTH: _____

GSA UNIT # _____ #ADULTS: _____

UNIT HIKE LEADER: _____ PHONE #: _____ E-mail: _____

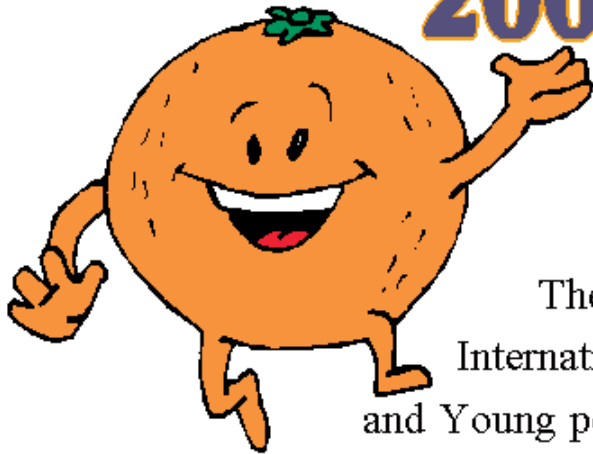
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Name on card _____ Card # _____ Exp _____

Signature: _____

YES! I would like to order _____ Limited Edition Hike Medals @ 8.00 each: Total \$ _____

2007 Junior Orange Bowl Parade



The signature event of the Junior Orange Bowl International Youth Festival! Hundreds of children and Young people take to the streets of Downtown Coral Gables in this celebration of active youth and community!

We are looking for your Scouts to join us in the parade!
We are also looking for committee members!!

(DON'T FORGET THE PARADE IS ON T.V.)

This years special parade theme is " FUN & GAMES"
Lets work together and come up with a "SUPER FLOAT"!



The Junior Orange Bowl Parade is a 58-year tradition in South Florida created especially for all kids - and perfect for Boy Scouts, Cub Scout & families. Lets make it the best float of the year!



Call or E-mail me:
Albert Verdecia
Committee Chair for the Parade! (Tequesta District)
305-445-2569 or albert13@bellsouth.net

DATE: Saturday, December 29, 2007 LOCATION: First United Methodist Church of Coral Gables 536 Coral Way Coral Gables, FL 33134 TIME: 6 P.M.



South Florida Council, Boy Scouts of America's 2007 Distinguished Citizen Awards Dinner & Holiday Auction

Honoring:

Miami-Dade County Honoree

Paul Dee
Athletic Director
University of Miami

Broward County Honoree

Aurelio Fernandez
Administrator
Memorial Hospital Miramar

Wednesday, December 5th
Gathering Reception & Silent Auction – 6:00 PM
Program & Dinner – 7:00 PM

Parrot Jungle Island – Treetop Ballroom
1111 Parrot Jungle Trail
Off I-395 between downtown Miami and South Beach

OVERVIEW

The Distinguished Citizen Awards Dinner & Auction is celebrated in December at the conclusion of the annual Friends of Scouting campaign as a way to thank our generous donors and recognize distinguished community leaders and organizations that exemplify the values of Scouting through their service and support of our community. There will be over 350 donors, volunteers and guests of the honorees at this event. We will honor this year's honorees for their dedication to the youth of South Florida and hold a silent auction to raise the needed funds to deliver the character building programs of Scouting to over 60,000 youth in this community.

For more information, or to reserve your seats, please contact Joshua Christ, Finance Director for South Florida Council at 305-364-0020.

PAST RECIPIENTS

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Bob Epling
Community Bank of South Florida

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SPONSORSHIP LEVELS

\$10,000- Title Sponsor

- Entitled to two tables of eight
- Title Sponsor will be invited to attend VIP reception
- Title Sponsor will be listed on the invitation that goes out to thousands of donors, volunteers and community leaders
- Title Sponsor will be recognized with the front and back cover page of the program
- Title Sponsor will appear in "The Scouter" - South Florida Council's newspaper circulated over 6,000 families and businesses in South Florida
- Title Sponsors will be recognized in the Council's Annual Report and during its events

\$5,000- Golden Eagle Sponsor

- Entitled to one table of eight
- Golden Eagle Sponsors will be invited to attend VIP reception
- Golden Eagle Sponsors will be recognized in the event's program
- Golden Eagle members will appear in "The Scouter", South Florida Council's newspaper circulated to over 5,000 families and businesses in South Florida
- Golden Eagle members will be recognized in the Council's Annual Report

\$2,500- Silver Sponsor

- Entitled to one table of eight
- Silver Sponsors will be invited to attend VIP reception
- Silver Sponsors will be recognized in the event's program

\$1,800- Patron Sponsor

- Entitled to one table of eight
- Patron Sponsors will be recognized in the event's program

\$250- Individual Ticket

- Entitled to one seat

**For more information, or to reserve your seats, please contact Joshua Christ,
Finance Director for South Florida Council at 305-364-0020.**