

THE TEQUESTA SCOUTER DRUMBEAT

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November 2001

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 November 5, 2001.

Tequesta
Roundtable

Boy Scout Themes

November: Canoeing

December: New Troop Committee Training Syllabus

Youth Protection Training

Youth Protection Training will be offered at the November and December Roundtables. Youth Protection Training starts at **7:00 p.m.** This enables us to finish at the same time as Roundtable. It is in a separate room from Roundtable.

Calendar of Events

November

- 3: Old Cutler Trail Hike
- 2-4: OA Section Seminars
- 5: Roundtable/OA
- 9-11: Webelos Jamboree
- 12: District Committee Meeting
- 19: Commissioner Staff Meeting

December

- 1: Push Cart Derby
- 3: Roundtable/OA
- 7-9: Merit Badge College
- 15: Holiday Party

January

- 7: Roundtable/OA
- 11-13: OA Winter Ordeal
- 14: District Committee Meeting
- 18-20: Lincoln-Marti Camporee
- 26: University of Scouting
- 28: Commissioner Recharter Party

Old Cutler Trail Hike

The annual Old Cutler Trail hike is on Saturday, November 3. Follow the path and learn about the history of the South Florida pioneers. It begins at the Torch of Friendship in downtown Miami and finishes at Chapman Field Park. The Hikemaster is Jon Fisher. 305-579-7434 email jdfisher52@yahoo.com

Webelos Jamboree

The 24th Webelos Jamboree will be held at Markham Park on the weekend of November 9-11. The theme is "2001: A Space Odyssey". For additional information, contact District Liaison Manny Calejo.

<mailto:mcalejo@hotmail.com>

The Jamboree book can be downloaded at

<http://www.sfcbsa.org/WebelosJamboree2001.PDF>

Merit Badge College

The Merit Badge College is scheduled for the weekend of December 7-9 at Barbara Goleman High School. Troop registration closes on November 2 and scheduling of classes ends on November 16. Registration, scheduling of classes, and volunteering as a staff member can be done via the internet; go to the website for additional information.

<http://www.meritbadgecollege.org/>

Afghan Children's Fund

October 12, 2001

To: All Scouting Members

From: Roy L. Williams, Chief Scout Executive

Subject: America's Fund for Afghan

Children

At the close of his news conference on October 11, 2001, President George W. Bush called on Scouts to earn or give funds to aid the children of Afghanistan.

During the prime time broadcast the President said, "This is an opportunity to help others, while teaching our own children a valuable lesson about service and character. I hope school classes, Boys and Girl Scout troops, or other youth organizations will participate in any way to raise money to send to the children."

In response to this direct call to Scouts, I am proud to announce that the BSA fully endorses America's Fund for Afghan Children.

Per the president's request, please urge Scouts and volunteers to place their contribution in an envelope and send it to:

America's Fund for Afghan Children
c/o The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, DC 20509-1600

These are extraordinary times in our nation, and our president has called for extraordinary action from Scouts. This is an opportunity for the young people of our movement to learn the value of service and working together while helping the children of Afghanistan.

Thank you for your support of this effort and your support of America.



Advancement

Congratulations to our new Eagle Scouts. Jathaniel Alweiss and Keith Strunin, both of Troop 64, earned their Eagle Scout Rank on September 25.

Eagle Scout candidates and Scoutmasters need to make sure the paperwork is in order before requesting appointments with the Eagle Board. It is the responsibility of the candidates and their Scoutmasters to make sure that all the necessary forms are the official ones, are fully completed, and properly signed. Several interviews had to be postponed, at the last minute because the paperwork was not in order. You can always call Phil Lecours 305-699-3557 <mailto:plecours@bellsouth.net> to review the documentation prior to the appointment with the board. He will be more than willing to assist.

Candidates preparing their Eagle Scout project for approval should download the "Checklist for Tequesta District Eagle Scout Project Approval" from our District's webpage to make sure that there will be no flaws with their presentation. Also, the candidates must use the Service Project Workbook issued by South Florida Council. Formats downloaded from other Councils or National Council are not acceptable.

Lack of planning on the part of the Eagle Candidate does not constitute an emergency on the part of the Eagle Board. Many candidates, approaching their 18th. birthday, due to their procrastination, try to apply pressure on the Board for emergency meetings. To put a stop to that, there are several units that will not approve Eagle Service

Projects if it is presented to the Scoutmaster less than 90 days before the candidate's 18th. birthday.

Phil Lecours
Advancement Committee

Training

Indoor Training:
Training so far has been great. We had 34 participants for the New Leader Essentials. From there, everyone was sent to take a specific training on either Tigers, Cub Scout, Webelos, Cubmaster/Assistant Cubmaster leadership training, or Cub or Boy Scout committee member training. I only heard great things about the specific training on all sections except that not one participant went to the Cub Scout committee member training. This shows a weak trend on committee members, and we really need to make stronger, more knowledgeable trained members in this section. Another training will be scheduled soon, and we really need for all committee members of packs to attend. With regards to the committee members for the troop, they had a fun time playing a knowledge game and even the trainers found out things they did not know. We encourage others that were not present to attend and obtain the same experience at the December Roundtable.

Outdoor training:
We had very poor attendance at the Webelos Outdoor Training. There were only two participants and this is really sad. If we are trying to train boys properly to cross into Boy Scouts one day, we want them to be prepared for the world of Boy Scouting. During the Webelos out-

door, the leaders learn about tools, different knots and what they are used for, how to cook in the outdoors, plants and animals in the outdoors, places to camp, and activities they can do with the boys. They learn how to teach the boys to work together and how to have patrol spirit. We are requesting that on the next opportunity that presents itself for Webelos Outdoor training that all Webelos Leaders do attend.

The Boy Scout outdoors had a patrol full of enthusiasm called the "Screaming Eagles".

Baloo Training had much less people than expected; we were waiting for 36 to 40 people and only 12 showed up. But these 12 people only had great things to say about all they learned and shared with one another. They are ready to bring back to their packs the information learned and are full of enthusiasm and spirit. Men tall and strong were laughing like crazy over skits presented by one of our training staff members. Our outdoor cooking class was a fantastic experience; they were all impressed over things such as cooking a Turkey in a can, trail meals, cooking an egg in an orange shell, etc, Another Baloo training will be scheduled in the near future.

To all of the Staff who made the training possible, I offer my sincere THANKS for making this training a super one.

Mignon Castineira, Training Chair.

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