

THE TEQUESTA SCOUTER DRUMBEAT

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January - February 2004

THE TEQUESTA ROUNDTABLE LOCATION IS CHANGING!

The Tequesta Roundtables are held the first Monday of the month (2nd if 1st is a holiday).

Tequesta Roundtable

The Tequesta District Committee has made a decision to move the Roundtable location from the West Miami Middle School to the First United Methodist Church of Coral Gables. The Church is located at 536 Coral Way. The meetings will be held in the Hanger Building, which is on the south side of the Church. Use the parking lot located at Hernando St. and Biltmore Way.

Many thanks to the West Miami Middle School for their hospitality. The Tequesta Roundtables were held at the Methodist Church for many years, so we're back in an old home. We hope to see more of Tequesta's leaders attending!

The District Committee meetings will also be moving to the Methodist Church. The Coral Gables Police station can no longer accommodate our meeting there.

January 12th Themes

Cub Scout: Fiesta

Boy Scout: Troop Committee Operation

February 2nd Themes

Cub Scout:

Boy Scout: Life to Eagle Seminar

Kudos to Susan Gutierrez for her leadership to the Cub Roundtable. Here is a sampling of the comments:

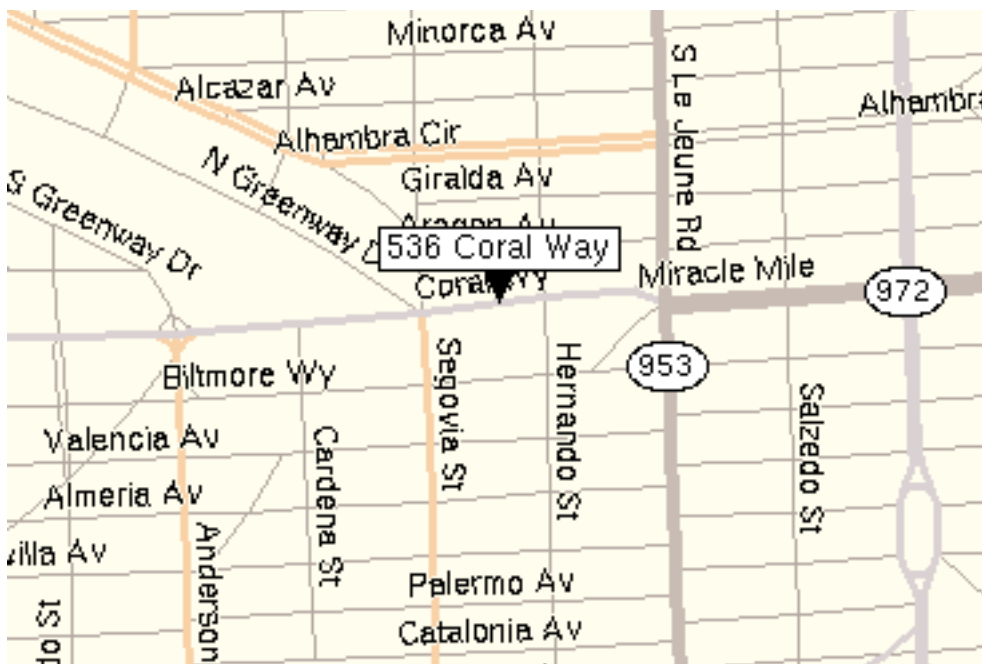
Dear Henry and Susan,

On behalf of the district I want to thank you for an excellent presentation last night at Roundtable. I heard nothing but the best comments regarding the session. Everyone who attended had something positive to say and take back to their units. I believe the quality you add to the month's topic will be rewarded with increased attendance during the following sessions.

Again, thank you for the session, and keep up the good work!!

Sincerely,

Pablo Munevar



The above maps are the new location for the Tequesta Roundtable and District Committee meetings at the First United Methodist Church of Coral Gables. Use the parking lot located at Hernando St. and Biltmore Way and enter the Hanger building at the SE corner. (outlined in yellow on the above map and arrow at the entrance of the building)

Calendar of Events

January 2004

February 2004

2-4: Venture Roundup
9-10: OAWinter Ordeal
12: Roundtables/OA
17: University of Scouting
19: District Committee meeting
23-25: Lincoln Marti Camporee
26: Commissioner's meeting
30: Unit Re-charters due

2: Roundtables/OA
5: FOS Kickoff Dinner
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
25: Venturing Roundtable
28-29: Scoutmaster's outdoor training

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

ORDER OF THE ARROW

The Winter Ordeal will be held at Camp Everglades the weekend of January 9-11, 2004. The registration form is on the Lodge website. www.o-shot-caw.org Late fees are applied after January 2, 2004. Several of our troops have had elections, and we hope to see their candidates at the Ordeal.

The dues for 2004 are due. If you're an OA member who hasn't paid, please do so. The form is on the Lodge website. It was also mailed with the last edition of *The Patchwork*.

Fred Kimball and Robin Burr have switched their advisory positions. I am now the chapter advisor and Robin is the advisor to the internet committee.

The Haunted Forest was a big success in spite of the Florida Marlins playing in the World Series and rain on the evening of the event. Over \$15,000 was raised for the Joseph Aaron Abbott Campership Fund.

UNIVERSITY OF SCOUTING

The SFC training team will present the 5th annual University of Scouting on January 17, 2004. This supplemental training for adult leaders and Venture Crew officers will offer fun, learning and fellowship for all that attend. The event will be held at Barbara Goleman High School located at 14100 NW 89th Ave. Doors open at 7:30 a.m. and opening ceremony is at 8:35 a.m.

From Dec. 12 — Jan. 9, the cost is \$18 and includes morning coffee, lunch handouts, and diploma. From Jan. 9 — 17, lunch will not be included in the \$18 fee. Contact Mike Dames at the Council office for additional information. (305) 364-0020 x 229 or email: mdames@sfcbsa.org

LINCOLN MARTI CAMPOREE

The 34th "Carnivals of the World" Lincoln Marti camporee will be held the weekend of January 23-25 at the Carlos Arboleya Camping and Picnic Grounds.

The cost is \$8 per camper. Nelson Milian is the campmaster and can be reached at 305-449-0239 (bpr) or 305-826-1991 (home).

SILVER BEAVER APPLICATIONS

At the conclusion of the Silver Beaver ceremony, people always ask the question, "I wonder why _____ was not selected." It is possible that the deserving Scouter was not nominated or the nomination was done without adequate research or a previous nominee's application was not updated.

Applications or updates for the Silver Beaver Award are due at the Council office by January 9, 2004. Nominate that deserving Scouter today.

BAREFOOT MAILMAN HIKE

On February 7-8, 2004, the Hurricane District and South Florida Council will mark the 40th anniversary of the Barefoot Mailman Hike. This 32 mile, 2 day hike, is along a portion of the historic trails walked by the Barefoot Mailmen of the late 1800's. Participants need to be 12 years old and have completed the 2nd Class requirements.

Scouts and Webelos Scouts are also invited to attend just the 2nd day of the hike from Haulover to South Miami Beach. Those who also participated in the Old Cutler Trail Hike are entitled to purchase a special patch.

For additional information, contact Steve Blair, hikemaster, at 305-383-8001 or s_pblair@bellsouth.net The application will be available at the Roundtable and is online.

SCOUTMASTER'S CAMPOREE

On February 20-22, 2004, the Scoutmaster's Camporee Committee will host, "Scoutvivor 3 Days – Out Last, Out Camp, Out Scout", the theme of this year's camporee. A new challenge event has been added that will encourage team spirit and competition which culminates in a Tribal Council at the arena show. This event is limited to the first 15 teams of 5 Scouts.

The cost is \$16 per person for registrations **received by January 30, 2004**. Any registrations after January 30 will be \$17 per person. A \$50 non refundable deposit is required to reserve a site. If you have any registration questions, contact Mitch Katz at 954-873-5370 or email to smcc@sfcbsa.org Other questions can be addressed to Camporee Chief Bill Schulz at 954-389-7332 or bschulz2@bellsouth.net.

SILENT SCOUTERS

This past month, we have lost several Scouters. At the Merit Badge College, I learned that John Trippe from Hurricane District had just passed away. John was the Hikemaster of the Barefoot Mailman Hike for many years.

A few days later, Phil Sbrolla from Tequesta District also passed on. Phil was from Troop 64 and had previously been the District Commissioner.

On Tuesday, December 30, Jim Forbes passed away after a brief illness. Jim was previously the Cubmaster of Pack 7 and ASM with Troop 7. He had also been a Webelos Camporee Chief and Campmaster of the Lincoln Marti Camporee and Superintendent of the Dade County Youth Fair-Scouting for 15 years.

FUND RAISING OPPORTUNITY

The Ford Championship at Doral is offering the South Florida Council their "Blue Monster Ticket Pac" ticket option to use as a fundraiser. This package will include tickets for all four tournament days, the Pro Am, one free pass to play golf at the Doral, and a discount coupon to use at the tournament.

The South Florida Council is offering units the chance to raise some money for the Council, their unit, and for the boys selling the "Blue Monster Pac." These tickets will sell for \$45 each with \$25 going back to SFC, \$10 to the unit, and \$5 to the Scout selling the tickets.

Each boy who sells at least 10 tickets will qualify for the 1st annual SFC/Ford Doral Scout/Parent tournament. The Scout will receive a short golf lesson from a club pro, play a round of golf, then receive a Golf Merit Badge blue card at the end of the round.

For more information, contact Joshua Christ at 305-364-0020 ext. 218 jchrist@sfcbsa.org

JR. ORANGE BOWL PARADE

Scouts from Troops 755, 7, and Pack 7 participated in the Jr. Orange Bowl Parade. The Scouts from Troop 7 carried banners in front of the floats. Pack 7 won the Best Community Float Award.

