

The MANATEE Messenger

The official newsletter of the manatee district
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FME

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Order of the Arrow

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Family Fest

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Cub Scout Roundtable

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This Months Roundtable:

Cub Scout Theme: *Our Feathered Friends*

Boy Scout Theme: *Wildlife Management*

Venture Theme: *Open Forum*

Ticket/Candy Pick up TONIGHT!

Family Fest Booth Space Requirements Due TONIGHT!

Order of the Arrow:

Calling all Arrowmen

Tipisa Lodge is hosting the Section Conference at Camp La No Che the weekend of April 21, 22, and 23. This will be a fantastic event where Arrowmen from all over our Section (most of Florida and a little bit of Georgia and Alabama) will get together for fellowship and seminars.

We will need your help in hosting this event, so if you are a member of the Order of the Arrow, please go to tipisa.org for registration materials and get signed up, along with other Arrowmen in your unit. Don't miss this opportunity for fellowship and cheerful service.

Any questions, contact Kirk Hall - Astatula Chapter Adviser - khall4@cfl.rr.com

Training Opportunity:

BALOO Training will be held at Trailhead Park (off Malabar Rd. on Marie Street) on April 22 from 9:00am to 4:00pm. The cost is \$5.00 per person and includes lunch.

Trainers and Quartermaster needed!

For more information or to volunteer contact Mike Caruso at 951-0351 or mikedc4000@aol.com.

IMPORTANT DATES:

March 16: Roundtable (Pick up Family Fest Tickets/Candy)

March 17-19: Spring Camporee (*Theme: Emergency Preparedness*)

March 17-19: Spring Wood Badge Weekend 1

March 31-April 2: Spring Wood Badge Weekend 2

April 8: Merit Badge University

April 21-23: OA Section Conference (Camp La No Che)

April 22: BALOO Training

April 28-30: Safety Weekend (Camp La No Che)

May 19-21: OA Service Weekend

May 20: District Banquet

May 30 - June 4: Cub Day Camp

From the District Chair:

I hope that all units are having a great spring season. Pinewood Derby cars should be coming out one last time for the District Pinewood Derby, Blue and Gold Banquets are wrapping up as are Family Membership Enrollment presentations. If your unit has not already had its FME presentation at a B&G Banquet or Court of Honor, please contact Ann Solomon-Collins to schedule your presentation. The Cubs have just had their Spring Campout (hosted by Pack 732) and the Boy Scouts will be heading to their Spring Camporee this weekend. The Camporee will be delivering the Emergency Preparedness Merit Badge to all Boy Scouts in attendance. The District thanks Larry Wasylchak for serving as the Spring Camporee Chief.

Be sure to mark your calendars for this year's District Banquet. The banquet is an opportunity for all leaders in Manatee District to spend an evening together in fellowship and recognition of their peers. The District Award of Merit presentation will be the highlight of the evening. Roundtable Attendance Awards, Unit Advancement Awards, and the announcement of the Unit Commissioner of the Year will also take place at the District Banquet. I encourage units to make an effort pay the way for their key leaders to attend the banquet. What a wonderful way for a unit to thank their leaders for all they do throughout the year. Thank you to Margaret Rutledge and the entire banquet committee for planning a wonderful evening for the district.

Yours in Scouting and Service,
Peggy J. Hall
Manatee District Chair

Family Fest:

Family Fest provides an opportunity for Scouts to demonstrate to parents, friends and the community that Scouting is the best training ground for the youth of America! This year's Family Fest event will be held at the Wickham Park pavilion on Saturday May 6th from 10am - 3pm. Family Fest coupon/candy sale begins tonight! Unit exhibit commitments are due tonight as well. Please see Lori Bell to get your unit signed up! All money from the sale is due on or before May 6th. We are in need of volunteers for a variety of duties - older boys to act as runners - people to help with set up and man booths. Please contact Lori at 953-0148 or ScoutingB@aol.com if you can assist!

Help Wanted:

Boy Scout Roundtable Staff needed. Join the fun! Help plan and present the monthly roundtable program. If interested please contact Paul Schneider at 431-2771.

Song of the Month:

Camporee Scouting Song

(Tune: "Clementine")

Far away in jolly England
Baden-Powell lived long ago.
It was there on Brownsea
Iland
The Scouting dream began
to grow.

The first troop had only
twenty,
Now millions number they.
Oh, that Baden-Powell could
see what
Scouting has become today.

First a Tiger, then a Bobcat,
On to Wolf, Bear, Webelos,
Boy Scouts, Venturing and
Varsity;
'Round the world our
numbers grow.

Now we gather here at
camp,
In patrols, troops, packs or
dens,
Learning skills to help all
boys reach
Their potential as great
men!

Advancement:

Please look for the monthly Advancement Newsletter on the District website. If you have questions regarding advancement, please feel free to contact the following members

Eagle Boards and Eagle Process:

Ed Newell at 725-9923 or ginny-ed@msn.com

Merit Badge Counselors:

Jim Breitmeier at 723-3606 or jimb1964@cfl.rr.com

Unit Advancement Reports:

Lori Bell at 953-0148 or ScoutingB@aol.com

The Bridge Builder

An old man traveling a long highway,
Came at the evening cold and gray,
To a chasm vast and deep and wide.
The old man crossed in the twilight dim,
The sullen stream held no fears for him;
But he turned when safe on the other side,
And built a bridge to span the tide.

"Old man," cried a fellow pilgrim near,
"You're wasting your time in building here.
"Your journey will end with the closing day;
"You never again will pass this way.
"You have crossed the chasm deep and wide,
"Why build you this bridge at even tide?"

The builder lifted his old gray head;
"Good friend, in the path I have come," he said.
"There followeth after me today,
"A youth whose feet must pass this way.
"This stream which has been as naught to me,
"To that fair-haired youth may a pitfall be;
"He, too, must cross in the twilight dim--
"Good friend, I am building this bridge for him."

Author unknown

Cub Scout Day Camp 2006:

!!!Just 81 more days!!!

Want to keep Day Camp on everyone's mind. It appears that there are enough volunteers for range training on March 25. This training will be at La-No-Che during the Fun with son weekend. Please send me your personal information so I can forward it and confirm that there will be a class. Name, Pack/Troop, phone, e-mail.

I am entering my industrial scrounge mode. I need about 400 feet of 1/2 inch PVC, also need some various fittings. This can be scrap pieces as many of them will be cut shorter than 1 foot. If we have enough longer pieces we might make marshmallow shooters.

As the theme is going tribal, we will make some primitive musical instruments. Rain sticks, drums of course, xylophone, flute and perhaps some others. I have contacted an elementary school music teacher to come out one or two days and work with us on some rhythmic composition.

There are still lots of open staff positions so be sure to volunteer.

Current areas of the most concern are; wee camp (this is an absolute must have position) and someone to oversee the climbing wall. Training for the wall will be available at the safety weekend in April.

I'm still looking for someone to oversee the Webelos program and for a photo/film crew. I know there must be someone out there that would like to do this. Does anyone have digital photos from the past years?

How about a catchy tribal cheer/yell? All I can think of is Unga Bunga.

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