

# The MANATEE Messenger

The official newsletter of the manatee district  
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## This Months Roundtable:

Cub Scout Theme: *Scouting It Out*

Boy Scout Theme: *Boating and Canoeing*

Venture Theme: *Bring a Friend*

## The Scoutmaster by Edgar R. Guest

There isn't any pay for you, you serve without reward,  
The boys who tramp the fields with you but little could afford,  
And yet your pay is richer far than those who toil for gold,  
For in a dozen different ways your service shall be told.

You'll read it in the faces of a troop of growing boys,  
You'll read it in the pleasure of a dozen manly joys,  
And down the distant future - you will surely read it then,  
Emblazoned through the service of a band of loyal men.

Five years of willing labor and of brothering a troop,  
Five years of trudging highways, with the Indian cry and whoop,  
Five years of camp fires burning, not alone for pleasure's sake,  
But the future generation which the boys are soon to make.

They have no gold to give you, but when age comes on to you,  
They'll give you back the splendid things you taught them how to  
do,

They'll give you rich contentment and a thrill of honest pride,  
And you'll see your nation prosper, and you'll all be satisfied.

## Popcorn:

All the units should have received their Popcorn Kits by mail late June or early July. Popcorn Kick-off will be held at the August Roundtable. Please contact Liz Green at 727-4568 or [egreen@harris.com](mailto:egreen@harris.com) if you haven't received your popcorn information kit.

### **IMPORTANT DATES:**

**July 22:** Cub Committee Specific Training

**July 22 - 29:** National Youth Leader's Training (NYLT)

**July 31:** School Night Rally Training (Suntree UMC)

**August 5:** Trainer's Development Conference (Faith Lutheran Church)

**August 10:** District Commissioner/Committee Meetings

**August 17:** Roundtable (Popcorn Kickoff) Training - New Leader Essentials at 6:00pm

**August 19:** OA Lodge Leadership Development Conference

**August 26:** Trainers Development Conference (Apopka)

**September 9:** Show and Sell Popcorn Pickup

**September 9 - 10:** Tipisa Lodge Fall Fellowship

**September 15 - 17:** Fall Wood Badge Weekend One

### **Training:**

Do you like working with others? Do you want to help other Leaders provide a quality program for our youth? Join the training team today! For more information contact Carl Giesler at 727-3997 or [carlgse@aol.com](mailto:carlgse@aol.com).

### **Membership:**

August and September are almost here and that means it is School Night Season!!! I hope you are all getting ready to welcome new and excited scouts to your units. This year, we are looking for packs and troops to be more involved than ever. Scouts and Venturers can invite their friends. Commissioners are working hard to help our units be ready. Charter Orgs can encourage members and the community to be involved. Pack leaders will be visiting schools during the day with Richard, our DE. The whole pack can help at school night for registration. Let's bring scouting to everyone who lives in Manatee District! Membership Chairman, Kevin Frederick.

### **Advancement:**

Council has new and exciting changes ahead regarding unit advancement reporting. Please be sure to attend the August Roundtable for more information!

Don't forget to submit a unit advancement report every month!

Congratulations to the following units that earned the Council Outstanding Advancement Ribbon for 2005. The ribbons were presented at the District's annual banquet.

Cub Packs 37, 51, 57, 571, and 734

Troop 314, 321, 323, 380, 575, and 732

### **Eagle Projects - New Point of Contact**

Do you have Life Scouts ready for their Eagle Project? They (the boys) need to contact Mike Grofik 768-2452 or [mgorfik@cfl.rr.com](mailto:mgorfik@cfl.rr.com) for District Advancement signature **prior to** the start of their project.

Unit Advancement Chairmen should contact Jim Breitmeier at 723-3606 or [jimb1964@cfl.rr.com](mailto:jimb1964@cfl.rr.com) to schedule a District Advancement Committee member attending an Eagle Board of Review.

### **Eagle Board Recognitions**

Please join us in congratulating Justin Kolleda of Troop 389 and Arthur Littlefield of Troop 509 who recently passed their Eagle Boards of Review.