

The MANATEE Messenger

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This Months Roundtable:

Cub Scout Theme: *Zoo Adventure*

Boy Scout Theme: *Safety*

Venture Theme: *Ready, Set, Go...Venturing*

Popcorn:

The "Take Order" forms have been mailed to all registered Scouts. The unit "Take Order" sale should run simultaneously with Show & Sell and continue through October 15, 2006. Before you begin your "Take Order" sale, go to www.trails-end.com to enter your Scouts into the unit popcorn system. If you have any questions please call Liz Green at 727-4568 or send an email to egreen@harris.com. Good Luck!

There is a new web site available for leaders to use as a resource for "Go See It" activities www.geocities.com/12myfriends/ If you have a "Go See It" that would be a good addition, please send the information to Liz Green at egreen@harris.com.

Ten Commandments of Human Relations:

Speak to people - there is nothing as nice as a cheerful word of greeting.

Smile at people - it takes sixty-five muscles to frown, only fifteen to smile.

Call people by name - the sweetest music to anyone's ear is the sound of their own name.

Be friendly and helpful - if you would have friends, be friendly.

Be cordial - speak and act as if everything that you do is a real pleasure.

Be genuinely interested in people - you can like everybody if you try.

Be generous with praise - cautious with criticism.

Be considerate of the feelings of others - it will be appreciated.

Be thoughtful of the opinions of others - there are three sides to a controversy; yours, the other person's, and the right one.

Be alert to give service - what counts most in life is what we do for others.

IMPORTANT DATES:

August 19: Fall Wood Badge Orientation (Apopka)

August 19: OA Lodge Leadership Development Conference

August 26: Trainers Development Conference (Apopka)

September 7: OA Meeting at Melbourne Church of Christ

September 8 - 10: Tipisa Lodge Fall Fellowship

September 9: Show and Sell Popcorn Pickup

September 14: District Commissioner/Committee Meetings

September 15 - 17: Fall Wood Badge Weekend One

September 21: Roundtable (New Leader Essentials)

September 23: Clean Up Day at Camp Ais

October 6 - 8: Fall Wood Badge Weekend Two

October 13 - 15: Fall Cub Family Campout

From The District Chairperson:

We are off to a great start in planning and executing the district plan for having a quality year. We want more units to be designated as Quality Units this year and will be having more contact with all units through our Unit Commissioners. Johnnie Wimpee, our new District Commissioner, will be ensuring that we maintain our energetic Roundtable momentum and successful commissioner recruiting efforts. We will be adding several new units and reaching out to the community with the help of a revitalized and motivated Membership Committee headed up by Kevin Frederick. Ed Newell, our returning Vice Chairman for Programs, has an exciting year planned to provide some very different and varied campout themes and putting some pizzaz into our website and necessary program activities. The youth will love it, so stay tuned for the upcoming announcements. Liz Green, the new Vice Chair for Finance, has plans for increasing our vital fundraising efforts and our success with Popcorn and Candy Sales. She needs everyone's help to ensure that we do our part to exceed our Council's operating budget needs...it's for the youth and for their future. The Advancement Committee, under the direction of Jim Breitmeier, is revamping their efforts to monitor and support our unit's progress in advancing our youth to be better Scouts and good citizens, to include continued support for the prestigious "trail to Eagle Scout". And finally, the Training Committee, under the direction of Carl Giesler, has updated its inventory of training resources and recruited some outstanding instructors to ensure that everyone has the opportunity to get trained and use that training for the benefit of our youth. The focus, as you can see, is clearly on the youth and we will be doing everything humanly possible to make it happen. Richard Levasseur, our new district Executive, is on board and actively engaged in presenting the program to our area schools and recruiting new unit sponsors and chartered organizations. Next time you see him, let him know how you are going to help us to achieve his vision for a Quality District!

Steve Seppa

Training:

Do you like working with others? Do want to help other Leader's 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.