

The MANATEE Messenger

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This Months Roundtable:

Cub Scout Theme: *Cub Scout Stars*

Boy Scout Theme: *First Aid*

Venture Theme: *Open*

Popcorn money is due

Recharter is due

Sign Up for Friends of Scouting (formerly FME)

Popcorn:

POPCORN Money is due. If you did not bring your popcorn money to Roundtable this month, please arrange a meeting with Liz 536-0545 or our DE, Richard. All moneys need to be at council no later than December 4th.

Scouting For Food:

Thank you to all of those that participated in this years Scouting for Food Campaign. Together we contributed to the collection of over 100,000 pounds of food for needy families. Each of you should feel good about your efforts. Thanks for doing "a good turn" for the community.

Friends of Scouting (formerly FME):

This month is the start of the Friends of Scouting Campaign. Like FME of old presentations will be made at the units. Please make sure you sign up for a presentation at Roundtable. Each unit should designate a representative for the presenter to co-ordinate with during the days prior to and night of the presentation.

I am still looking for someone to volunteer to co-ordinate the presentations and presenters. Please see Liz Green at Roundtable or call me at 536-0545.

IMPORTANT DATES:

November 18: Training for Hispanic Families at Council Service Center

December 1-3: OA Call Out at Oklawaha

December 4: Last Day to turn in popcorn money

December 14: District Commissioner/Committee Meetings

December 21: Roundtable

January 11: District Committee/Commissioner Meetings

January 18: Roundtable

January 19-21: OA Ordeal at Oklawaha

January 26-28: Webelos Woods

Stay Informed!

Does your unit have a yahoo email group?

Do you have an email address? Register your unit and yourself with the Manatee District yahoo group

"Of all the characteristics that are necessary to be an effective leader, the most important one is the ability to learn."

Sidney Taurel

Training:

On November 18th at the Wayne Densch Scout Service Center a free training session will be presented in Spanish.

New Leaders Essentials, Cub Scout Specific Training (Den Leaders, Cubmasters, Pack Committee) and Boy Scout

Specific Training (Scoutmasters, Assistant SM, and Troop Committee Challenge) will be available.

District Banquet:

Any one interested in being on the Manatee District Awards Committee is invited to join us at the Golden Coral on Palm Bay Rd. on November 30th at 7:00 PM.

Order of the Arrow:

Please take the time to register for membership in the Order of the Arrow by paying Lodge Dues. The dues are set at \$9.00 per year which covers national membership, a contribution to the council endowment, and quarterly mailings of the lodge newsletter *The Nimat*. You can register and pay online by credit card at www.tipisa.org. Also, you can download a registration form from the website and mail it in with a check paid to the Central Florida Council. It is imperative that all of the youth in your troop that intend to participate in Order of the Arrow functions register and pay their dues. Once you are an Order of the Arrow member you receive an honor that cannot be removed but active membership means that you are current on your dues. Being current on your membership entitles you to participate in Order of the Arrow functions, receive a lodge newsletter, and wear the official Tipisa Lodge Flap. If not currently registered for 2006 you must first pay for 2006 lodge dues before paying for 2007 dues. The additional \$9.00 late fee has been waived but you must be current for 2006 before paying for 2007. Please spread the word to all of the members in your troop. I thank you for all of your help on this matter.

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OTHER INFORMATION:

Would you like to attend Roundtable but have young children? GREAT! Venture Crew 321 provides child care for \$5.00 per child with a \$10.00 maximum per family.

"You don't have to care to hear, but you've got to care to listen; because people who listen, care and people who care, listen."

Steve Shapiro

Community Service Opportunity: ERNA NIXON PARK

Need a community service project for your scout unit or scouts working toward promotion? Erna Nixon Park needs help controlling a non-native invasive plant known as the "Air Potato" that has spread rapidly since the 2005 hurricanes. Plants are easy to identify and control, just needs some scouts to help out! 3 Feb, 2007 is set up for Cub and Boy Scout units to participate from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm. Rain date is 10 Feb 2007. Register your unit at Roundtable or email Ken Bell at ScoutingB@aol.com or call 953-0148.

Cub Scout Day Camp:

Arrgh Mates! Day Camp is coming. Camp fees have gone up to \$80 and I will begin accepting registrations after January 1st. Please encourage camp registration at your units Blue and Gold Banquet. Those that register at the banquet will receive a bag of chocolate gold coins. Send me the date of your units Blue and Gold Banquet and I will try to attend in my pirate costume.

How do pirates navigate their ships?
With the staaaaarrrrrrs.

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You might be a Scout if...

1. You go camping just to get away from home.
2. All your food, clothes and tents smell like smoke.
3. Getting to camp IS the big adventure.
4. Your backpack weighs more than you do.
5. Your new freckles look like ticks.
6. You carry everything to camp and still leave something at home.
7. Your camping trip is too wet, too dry, too hot or too cold.
8. Your cooking fire resembles a bonfire.
9. The first thing you did with your first scout knife was cut yourself.
10. Your socks are considered toxic waste after a campout.



Think of It as an Olympic Medal Bestowed by the Earth

Conservation and the Boy Scouts of America have been partners for a long time. Camping, hiking, and respect for the outdoors are a part of the Scouting heritage. Many of the requirements for advancement from Tenderfoot through Eagle Scout rank call for an increasing awareness and understanding of the natural sciences. Many former Scouts have become leaders in conserving our environment and protecting it from abuse. Right now Scouts are involved in learning about environmental problems and actively working to make a difference.

This awards program was created to recognize those that have made significant contributions to conservation. It was begun in 1917 by Dr. William T. Hornaday, director of the New York Zoological Park and founder of the National Zoo in Washington, D.C. Dr. Hornaday was an active and outspoken champion of natural resource conservation and a leader in saving the American bison from extinction. He named the award the Wildlife Protection Medal. Its purpose was to challenge Americans to work constructively for wildlife conservation and habitat protection. After his death in 1938, the award was renamed in Dr. Hornaday's honor and became a Boy Scouts of America award.

In the early 1970s, the present awards program was established with funding help from the DuPont Company. At that time, the late Dr. Hornaday's idea of conservation was broadened to include environmental awareness.

The Hornaday Awards are highly prized by those who have received them: Only slightly more than a thousand medals have been awarded over the past 70 years. These awards represent a substantial commitment of time and energy by individuals who have learned the meaning of a conservation/environmental ethic. Any Boy Scout, Varsity Scout, or Venturer willing to devote the time and energy to work on a project based on sound scientific principles and guided by a conservation professional or a well-versed layperson can qualify for one of the Hornaday Awards. Any of the awards will take months to complete, so activities should be planned well in advance.

The fundamental purpose of the Hornaday Awards program is to encourage learning about natural resource conservation and the environment. Understanding and practicing sound stewardship of natural resources and environmental protection strengthens Scouting's emphasis on respecting the outdoors. The goal of this awards program is to encourage and recognize truly outstanding efforts undertaken by Scouting units, Scouts and Venturers, adult Scouters, and other individuals, corporations, and institutions that have contributed significantly to natural resource conservation and environmental protection.

Who Was William T. Hornaday?

Dr. Hornaday (1854-1937) was a pioneer in wildlife conservation. He believed in Scouting. He helped found the National Zoo in Washington, D.C., and was founder, then director, of the New York Zoological Park for more than 20 years.

Dr. Hornaday is generally credited with saving the American bison and other wildlife species from extinction. For years, he wrote articles for Boys' Life and sections of the Boy Scout Handbook, and encouraged every Scout to work on behalf of renewable natural resources. Earning this award is a way Scouts can thank him for his good work.