

The MANATEE Messenger

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This Months Roundtable:

Cub Scout Theme: *Cubs and Bugs Galore*

Boy Scout Theme: *Leadership*

Venture Theme: *Open*

From The District Chair:

We finished another session of Wood Badge this month in the Central Florida Council. What I remember most was the profound change that occurred in each and every one of the participants. They were all committed to making an impact on Scouting and leaving a legacy for our youth. On the flip side, it bothered me that Manatee District did not have full representation in that course. Maybe the next course will include a healthy contingent from our District next time.

I wasn't as fortunate as some of you to have been involved in Scouting as a youth. But when I was a young man, I wanted to change the world. I found it was difficult to change the world, so I tried to find ways to change my nation by serving my nation. When I found I couldn't change the nation by myself, I began to focus on my home town. I realized that I couldn't change the town either by myself, in any significant way. As an older man, I tried to change my family. Now, as an even older and wiser man, I realize the only thing I can change is myself, and suddenly I realized that if long ago I had changed myself, I could have made a bigger impact on my family and others. My family and I could have made a more significant impact on our town. Their impact might have changed the nation and I could have indeed changed the world in a small way...if I had only known of the secret to happiness. The secret, in case you have not figured it out yet....is to serve others, to do something nice for someone else without expecting anything in return, to give back to the cause without being asked, and to commit to leaving a legacy. Wood Badge can show you how to renew your zest for Scouting and how to leave a legacy worth living for. Your kids are worth it!

Steve Seppa

IMPORTANT DATES:

April 21: Pinewood Derby

April 21: BALOO Training

April 28: Merit Badge University

May 5: Family Fest

May 24: District Banquet

"Hard work spotlights the character of people: Some turn up their sleeves, some turn up their noses and some don't turn up at all." - Sam Ewing

Reminders

District Pinewood Derby is April 21st - Are you ready?

Register now for *Merit Badge University!*

Come enjoy an evening of fun and fellowship with fellow Scouter's - get your tickets to the *District Banquet!*

Ahoy Mates! *Cub Day Camp* is coming, register your Scout's now for this exciting summer adventure!

"Leadership and learning are indispensable to each other." -

John F. Kennedy

Advancement News:

Attention Committee Chairs! The District Advancement Committee needs your support. Over the past four months, we have been requesting that units directly provide the committee with copies of unit advancement reports submitted to Council. We have yet to receive a single one! Please get with your advancement chairman to obtain copies all advancement reports submitted to date in 2007 and please continue to provide the committee with a copy of each report that is submitted. Reports may be turned into Lori Bell at any RT meeting or mailed to her at 479 Charlotta Ave SE, Palm Bay 32909.

Training:

BALOO - Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation will be hosted by Eagle District on Saturday, April 21 at the Pineda Presbyterian Church from 8:30 to 5:00pm. The registration deadline is April 19 and the cost is \$13.00 per person. For more information contact Rochell Soltau at 757-7680 or bsat524@aol.com.

Fall Wood Badge Course SR-849 will be held September 14-16 and October 5-7. If you are a registered leader and have completed "Basic Training" you need to attend this course. For more information visit the Council website or speak to one of the following staff members Bill Kight, Cheryl Mitchell, Paul Schneider or Patricia Taylor.

I Want to Be Possible:

...or could it be just "Do Your Best" (Author Unknown)

The teacher asked her class what each wanted to become when they grew up. A chorus of responses came from all over the room. "A football player," "A doctor," "An astronaut," "The president," "A fireman," "A teacher," "A race car driver." Everyone that is, except Steven. The teacher noticed he was sitting there quiet and still. So she said to him, "Steven, what do you want to be when you grow up?" "Possible" Steven replied. "Possible???" asked the teacher. "Yes," Steven said. "My mom is always telling me I'm impossible. So when I get to be big, I want to be possible."

