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DIAMOND JUBILEE CAMPOREE — BIG SUCCESS

Camporee Chairman, Dick Dickman and his committee are to be commended on the great success of the March Council-wide Camporee. This event was probably the largest gathering of Scouts and Leaders in the history of the Sunny Land Council. Scouts, Explorers and Leaders totaled 588 compared to about 350 at the last Council-wide Camporee in 1983. Including staff and participating Webelos, the attendance was 627.

Unit campsites were good, competitive events were great and the enthusiasm of the Scouts and Leaders was superb.

TIGER CUB CHANGES

Several changes in Tiger Cubs, BSA, are scheduled to take place starting May 1. After that date, newly organized Tiger Cub groups will have their expiration date matched with that of the Cub Scout Pack with which they are affiliated rather than expiring on Aug. 31st of the following year. The registration fee for a boy/adult team will become \$3 a year, and will be prorated to the group's expiration date. Cost of the Family Activity Packet will be added to the prorated registration fee to determine the total joining fee.

Tiger Cub organizers will be responsible for reregistration of their Tiger Cub groups in conjunction with Pack rechartering. Tiger Cubs who join after May 1 will be able to graduate into Cub Scouting by paying a 50* transfer fee rather than the full fee. The position of Tiger Cub Organizer will become a registered position with the Pack. Revised literature reflecting these changes will be released by May 1, including a new Family Activity Packet and Organizer Manual. Full details will be announced later.

CUB SCOUT SPORTS

All materials and literature necessary to implement Cub Scout Sports is now available at the Service Center. Ten pilot Packs are using Cub Scout Sports this year to see how they like it; however, you do not have to be a pilot Pack to participate. First you need to get a copy of the Sports Leaders Guide and share this with your Pack Committee. Select one or two sports (of the fifteen available) to substitute for regular Cub Scout themes.

The emphasis is on learning new skills, physical fitness, and fun. A Pack play off by dens is recommended.

Remember, boys like sports; it will help involve more parents, it will help recruit more Cubs and Leaders, and don't forget to recognize members of your Pack NOW who are participating in other youth leagues. They are eligible for Cub Scout recognition through your Pack.

SUSTAINING MEMBERSHIP — HOW IS IT USED?

This is the third and final article of a three part series on Sustaining Membership.

How Sustaining Membership Enrollment dollars are used is probably the most misunderstood aspect of SME.

Professional cost (salaries, transportation, benefits, etc.) is by far the largest item in a Council budget. However, it is important to translate and evaluate what those dollars do. The professional Scouter gives guidance and direction to all phases of the Scouting program including the following:

Works with District Chairman, District Commissioner, Asst. District Commissioner, Roundtable Commissioner, Unit Commissioner, Advancement Committee, Training Committee, Exploring Committee, Membership Committee, Finance Committee, Camping Committee and Activities Committee. He helps train volunteers on all levels, works with special committees, like School Night and Activities Committees. He helps organize and reorganize units and gives much support to helping units be successful. Maintains contact with the Executive Officers of the Chartered Organization. Eighty five percent of the professionals time relates to program. The professional Scouter's pay is comparable to that of a School Teacher, yet he averages over 60 hours a week.

SME dollars support the office operation which also must be related to program. Through the Service Center the bulletin is produced, notices and agendas are typed

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NEW SERVICE HOURS — to help better serve all Scouters. As of May 1st, our hours will be from 8:30 AM to 5 PM.



MANATEE DISTRICT

DISTRICT CHAIRMAN..... Gene Trapnell
 DISTRICT COMMISSIONER..... Bob O'Neill
 DISTRICT EXECUTIVE..... Aaron Hayes

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MAY

- 2 COMMISSIONER STAFF MEETING,
7:30 PM Trinity United Methodist Ch.
- 4 SCOUT LEADER TRAINING II, 8AM-4PM
Camp Flying Eagle
- 9 CUB & SCOUT ROUNDTABLE - 7:30 PM
Trinity United Methodist Ch.
- 16 DISTRICT COMMITTEE MTG. - 7:30 PM
First Florida Bank, Cortez Plaza
- 17-19 SCOUTER OUTDOOR SESSION
Camp Flying Eagle
- 27 MEMORIAL DAY - Office Closed

PINEWOOD DERBY

This years Pinewood Derby will be held on June 8th and will be a District-wide competition. This years Chairman will be Jerry Scott from Pack 22. For further information contact the Service Center.

BETTER MANATEE DAY

Coquino Beach was the project site the Boy Scouts were given to cleanup this year. The Troops taking part in this years cleanup were T33, T27, T4, T133 and Pack 33. In all, over 60 Scouts, Cubs and leaders took part in the project. Thanks to all who took part.

WELCOME NEW UNITS & LEADERS

- T20 — sponsored by West Bradenton Baptist Church, SM is Lansing Skidmore.
- T111 — sponsored by First Presbyterian Ch. SM, Roger St. Clair.
- T128 — sponsored by Tallevast Community Center, SM Lynn Steward.
- E142 — sponsored by American Legion #24, EA, Henry Raines.

ORDER OF THE ARROW

June 7-8-9, 1985 at Camp Flying Eagle. This important OA date is also the make-up Ordeal for those candidates who were unable to attend the one in March. Cost is, candidates \$15.00, Brotherhood \$15.00, and members \$10.00

SAFE SWIM/SAFETY AFLOAT TRAINING

Sessions will be held at Camp Flying Eagle on Saturday, May 4, 1985 at the pool at 10 AM. All units should have a trained leader.



MICCOSUKEE DISTRICT

DISTRICT CHAIRMAN..... Randall Tayler
 DISTRICT COMMISSIONER..... Barry Zarle
 DISTRICT EXECUTIVE M/P..... Jack Bowden
 DISTRICT EXECUTIVE..... Ron West

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MAY

- 2 CUB & SCOUT ROUNDTABLE- 7:30 P.M.
St. Johns United Methodist Church
Bee Ridge at Cattlemen Rd.
- 9 DISTRICT COMMITTEE MTG. - 7:30 P.M.
David Johnston's office, 2055 Wood St.
- 12 MOTHER'S DAY (watch weekend
schedules)
- 25 EXPLORER OLYMPICS - See Unit
Brochures for details
- 27 MEMORIAL DAY — Office Closed

STILL TIME TO REGISTER FOR SUMMER CAMP

Camp Flying Eagle can still accomodate some Troops and Scouts for Summer Camp. Don't miss the highlight experience of 1985. Call Jack Bowden or Ron West for further details at 955-3347.

CONGRATULATIONS TO NEW UNITS!

POST 25 — Sponsored by Southeast Associates. Their speciality is Dramatics/Ceremonial. Jim Pearson is the Explorer Advisor.

PACK 38 — Sponsored by Bayhaven P.T.O. Jim Kordell is the Cubmaster. Welcome to two new units in Miccosukee District.

ATTENTION ALL CUB LEADERS! DAY CAMP

Cub Scout Day Camp registrations are now being accepted at the Council Office. Cost for each period is \$22.00 per attendee. Two periods are available this year — Aug. 5-9 and Aug. 12-16, 1985. The location is Camp Flying Eagle. Register **now** for Day Camp.

ORDER OF THE ARROW — POW WOW!

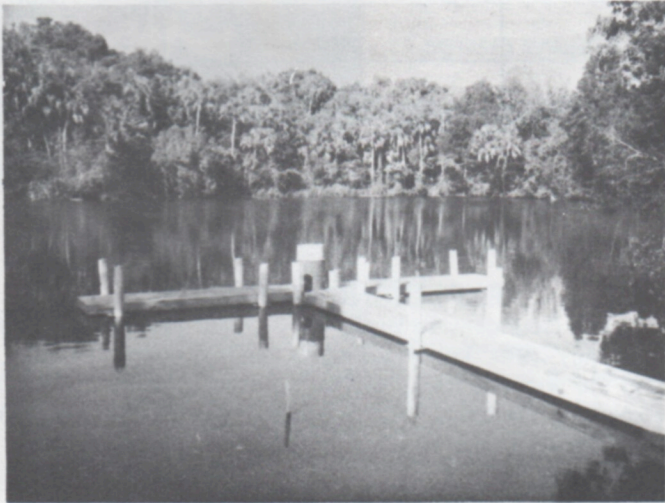
June 7-8-9, 1985 at Camp Flying Eagle. This important OA date is also the date of the make-up Ordeal for those candidates who were unable to attend the Ordeal Weekend in March. Cost of this weekend is \$10 for members and \$15 for those who are candidates for the Ordeal and Brotherhood. Please inform your OA member about this weekend of cheerful service.

SAFE SWIM/SAFETY AFLOAT TRAINING

Sessions will be held at Camp Flying Eagle, Saturday, May 4, 1985 at the pool at 10 AM. **ALL** units should have an adult trained. Bill Watrous will be the instructor.

CAMP CHANGING WEEKLY

After the recent OA Work Weekend, 34 of the 36 new patrol sites were cleared. Ed Armstrong and his crew working two weekends have completed 80% of the work on the gateway. By the time this is published, work should have begun on the Administration Building and preparation will be nearly complete to begin the rifle range building.



New Boat Dock at Hidden Lake

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and mailed, reservations are made for camp, camporees, banquets, and dozens of other activities. Literature and badges are made available for volunteers, thousands of questions are answered by phone or in person.

The cost of paper, postage, telephone, literature, office salaries, copy machine, and utilities are all necessary to give service to unit and district Scouters.

Other SME dollars are used for the upkeep on property - The Service Center and Camp. Many changes made in the last few years are a result of increased SME dollars. Cost of the buildings themselves do not come from SME dollars.

A Scouter once said, "If a Scouter says he doesn't believe in Sustaining Membership Enrollment, then he doesn't understand it; if he understands it, he must believe in it".

Although SME is off to a rather slow start, things are now ready to happen. Community Meetings are now underway and kickoff meetings will begin soon.

The Council level will make a big leap within the next 30 days according to Chairman, Dan Kimbrel.

As of April 5th - here is where each level stood.

COUNCIL	9,700	11%
Dan Kimbrel		
MANATEE DISTRICT	1,775	18%
MICCOSUKEE DIST.	3,685	25%
TOTALS	15,160	13%



Ed Armstrong directs the Gateway Construction



New Camp Rangers Home Now Under Construction near Gateway

NEW MERIT BADGE COUNSELORS LIST

Leaders may pickup 2 copies of the revised Merit Badge list, which is now available at the Council Service Center.

JAMBOREE TROOPS PREPARE FOR CAMPOUT

Troops 18 & 19 are preparing for their Jamboree Training at Camp Flying Eagle May 10-12. 72 Scouts and eight leaders will attend from the Sunny Land Council.

Exploring

EOA — ADVISOR

The next Explorer Officers Association Meeting will be held Thursday, May 16 at Selby Library. This is a wonderful opportunity to find out what's going on in Exploring and to share ideas with other Posts. All Post Officers and Advisors are asked to be in attendance. For more information please contact Nina Imes at 776-1057.

1985 SUMMER CAMP SIGNUP CHART

	MARIE SELBY	GEO. JUDD	BILL SELBY	KI	KII	NEW SITE	O'NEILL/ SAUNDERS	NORTHEAST 6 PATROLS	NORTHWEST 6 PATROLS
JUNE 16-22	T26	T24	T48	T24	T24	T181	T95	T103	T75
JUNE 23-29	T133	T96	T68	T159	T159	T78		T129	
JUNE 30- JULY 6	T71	T14	T22	T50	T28				
JULY 7-13	T176	T244	T4		T519				

NEWEST EAGLE SCOUT —
Adam Montella — T78
CONGRATULATIONS!

HONOR UNITS TO DATE

- P4 - Bill Padelford - St. Josephs Catholic Ch.
- T4 - Norman Bourbeau - St. Josephs Catholic Ch.
- P63 - Lee Stephens - Westminster Presby. Ch.
- T101 - Carl Rex - DAV Chapter 101 Nokomis
- T100 - Bill Watrous - Bee Ridge Presby. Ch.
- P100 - Paul Mercer - Bee Ridge Presby. Ch.
- P24 - John Stone - Church of the Redeemer
- P15 - David Schram - St. Marthas Catholic Ch.
- T15 - Bruce Bedenko - St. Marthas Catholic Ch.
- T84 - Dick Dickman, Jr. - Childrens Haven Center
- T129 - Chuck Hattaway - Breakfast Optimist Club.

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EXPLORING OLYMPICS

The Council-wide Exploring Olympic games are to be held May 26th. There are many exciting events planned, and the winners get a shot at competing at the National Exploring Olympics. For more information contact Ian Herrington at 365-1415.

PROGRAM PREVIEW

Attention Advisors and Officers!!! Mark August 21st on your calendar for Program Preview and First Nighter Training! This is where the 1986 calendar will be unveiled. So if you want to know what is going to happen in 1986 — **— BE THERE!**



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