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Friends of Scouting Tops \$320,000 *Alligator, Foundation over the Top!!*

\$323,097 dollars has been raised as of press time in the 1996 Friends of Scouting Campaign. This represents 86.2% of the council goal of raising \$375,000! Alligator District gets the bragging rites of being the first district to have reached its goal, hitting 103.4% to date. Congratulations to Barry Collier and his entire team. The Foundation Division has reported 108.2% of goal to date.

Each district chair remains committed to reaching their district's goals according to current reports. based on projections, the council will set a record high achievement in F.O.S. setting the stage for initial implementation of the Council's Long Range Plan which includes this milestone.

A full report of our Council 1996 campaign is scheduled for coverage in the June issue of *Southwest Scouting*.

Health and Safety Memo

Now is the time for updated Health Forms for all youth and adults coming to Summer Camp.

Parental signature is a must on the consent form. If parents or guardians are planning to be away from home while the Scout is at camp, please leave a way for us to contact them if the need arises.

Please note, National Council is suggesting a five year limit on the tetanus booster now. Also, the committee is looking for qualified people to represent their district on the Health and Safety Committee. If you are interested talk to you District Executive, District Commissioner or District Chairman.

Council Welcomes its Two New Executives



Don Roedding



Ed Melendez

In their first two and three months on the job, respectively, Don Roedding and Ed Melendez have made a significant impact. Although both staff members are new to the program and professional service, they both have involved themselves like tenured veterans.

Don Roedding is the District Executive for Calusa District and has already served as Staff Advisor to the Council's Spring Scoutmastership Fundamentals course and is active as Staff Advisor to the Council Activity Committee. He joined professional scouting upon returning from the mission field with the Christian Missionary Alliance having served in Malaysia and Germany.

Ed Melendez is the District Executive for Seminole District and is active as Staff Advisor to the South Lee County Hispanic Community and developing scouting programs in the Immokalee area of Collier county as a part of the council's commitment to serve all of the young people of the area.

The Southwest Florida Council welcomes Don, Jeanne and their three children, and Ed, Maris and their daughter to Southwest Florida.

Cub Scout Day Camps Arrive This Summer -- "Back to Nature"

Starting June and continuing in July, the Southwest Florida Council will be presenting in all seven district's the highlight of the year for registered Cub Scouts in our Scouting program -- Cub Scout Day Camp.

Cub Scout Day Camp is a week long opportunity for all Cub Scouts to participate in local activities that are designed to build character and physical and mental fitness. The camp is staffed by trained volunteer scouters there to offer the best Cub Scout program possible.
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1500 Scouts and Leaders have ... *An Encounter with History*

Almost 1400 scouts in 66 of the council's troops experienced "An Encounter with History" over April 12-14 at Camp Flying Eagle. Co-chaired by scouters, Wayne Bailey and Henry Efrid, the event featured living history exhibits, and individual, patrol, troop and leader competitions.

Newsletter printing schedules prohibited all of the details in this month's issue of *Southwest Scouting*, however, thanks to 1-hour developing, a photo pictorial of the event is featured on page 11.

SCOUT SHOP SERVES EXPLORING NEEDS

The Southwest Florida Scout Shop carries a selection of Exploring needs and related items. Any item carried by the Boy Scout National Supply can be procured through your local Scout Shop. Not only having the convenience of the shop being co-located in the Service Center in Ft. Myers; mail orders, phone orders, unit charges, credit cards, and checks are accepted.

The "highlight" your purchase is knowing Southwest Florida Council receives a percentage of your purchase dollars.

The Southwest Florida Council salutes and thanks it's three Scouting Supply distributors and encourages you to visit them for your Scouting Supply needs.

Children's World, 2033 Bahia Vista
Sarasota 941-955-6990

Stanley's Army-Navy, 3280 Palm Beach Blvd.
Ft. Myers 941-334-4085

Southwest Scout Shop, 1801 Boy Scout Dr.
Ft. Myers 941-418-1603

HOURS OF OPERATION

Mon-Tue-Wed-Fri: 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Thu: 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM

Sat: 9:30 AM - 3:00 PM

**The Relationships Committee announces
the Council Organization of
the Jewish Committee
on Scouting.**

**If you are interested and
willing to serve, please contact
Orrie Paller at 941-922-6864**

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Don Hughes, Commissioner
John Akerman, Scout Executive

A United Way Member Agency

Order of the Arrow

Lodge Chief.....Jeremy Pullen.....574-9436
Lodge Vice-Chief of Admin.....David McKinney377-3491
Lodge Vice-Chief of Prog.....David Marsh.....267-2507
Lodge Advisor.....Jim Mott.....267-5899
Lodge Staff Advisor.....Michael J. Hartigan, III.....764-6127

MAY

2 OA Chapter Meeting
16 OA Lodge Executive Committee Meeting
31 Deadline for Ordeal Sign-up

JUNE

6 OA Chapter Meeting
14-16 OA Ordeal and Brotherhood Weekend
16 OA Lodge Executive Committee Meeting

Southwest Florida Council Camporee - On Saturday night of the Council Encampment, Osceola lodge tapped out nearly 200 candidates to become members of the order, provided that they complete the ordeal held on June 14-16. Most of these candidates will be given the opportunity to be a part of the organization, therefore providing service, and Camping Promotion back to the council.

On Saturday night after the Tap Outs, the lodge was also very successful in providing the Camp Fire/Show following the theme "Encounter in History". The objective of the show was to provide background information to the beginning of Scouting in general, in America, and in the Southwest Florida Council.

Section Conference - On Friday, April 19th, 100 arrowmen traveled down to Camp Seminole of the South Florida Council and attended the annual Section Conference. The lodge proudly represented our Council, and brought forth a wave of spirit and enjoyed scouting at its best.

Where to Go Camping Booklets - Osceola Lodge is proud to announce the completion of the *Where to Go Camping* Booklet. The packet includes information on exciting places to camp, Boy Scout information, Cub Scout information, and other valuable material. The booklets will be distributed in the near future. If you have any questions regarding the booklet, you can contact BJ Wallace, Chairman, or Carol Wallace, Advisor at 540-1948.

1996 Ordeal & Brotherhood Weekend - On June 14-16 Ordeal candidates will be given the opportunity to become members of the Order of the Arrow. The cost of the weekend for them is \$25 to be paid by May 31. Also to those ordeal members interested in seeking the Brotherhood, will

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District News

Alligator District

*Serving Scouters in Collier County
P. O. Box 8074 Naples, FL 33940*

District Chairman.....	Don Johnson.....	261-0921
District Commissioner.....	Bill Szczepkowski	455-8011
District Executive.....	Maryann Lorenc.....	435-1897
		936-8072

MAY

- 2 Commissioner's Staff meeting - 6:30p.m. - Moorings Presbyterian Church
- 2 Scout Show Ticket & Money Turn - in - 6:45 to 7:30p.m.; Moorings Presbyterian Church
- 2 Roundtable/OA Chapter Meeting - 7:30p.m.; Moorings Presbyterian Church
- 4 Scout Show/Pinewood Derby - 8:30am to 4:00pm, Cambrier Park
- 8 USA III Meeting - 7:30p.m. - First Presbyterian Church in Port Charlotte
- 11 Scouter's Workday - Camp Miles
- 15 Council Executive Committee Meeting
- 16 OA LEC
- 16 Council Coordinated Calendar Review Meeting
- 18 Scoutmaster's Summer Camp Orientation - 10:00a.m. - Camp Miles
- 20 Fall Membership Briefing
- 21 Health & Safety Committee Meeting
- 28 District Committee Meeting - 7:00p.m. - Naples Airport Authority Conference Room

JUNE

- 6 Roundtable / OA Chapter Meeting
- 8 SR-214 Wood badge Luncheon
- 12 Last day of School for Collier County
- 14-16 OA Ordeal & Brotherhood Weekend - Camp Miles
- 16-22 Summer Camp Staff Week
- 18 Council Executive Board Meeting - 6:30p.m. - Camp Miles
- 20 OA LEC
- 21-23 Cub Scout Resident Camp - Camp Flying Eagle
- 23-29 Summer Camp - Week #1
- 25 District Committee Meeting
- 27-30 Webelos Resident Camp - Camp Flying Eagle
- 30-6 Summer Camp - Week #2

COMMISSIONER'S STAFF MEETING - Notice to all Alligator District Commissioners, the Commissioner Staff meeting has been moved to the first Thursday of the Month - May 2 - at 6:30 p.m. It will be held at Moorings Presbyterian Church. See you all there!

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Billy Bowlegs District

*Serving Scouters in Charlotte County - Punta Gorda, Port Charlotte
and the Englewood Area
P.O. Box 2112 Port Charlotte, FL 33949*

District Chairman.....	Chuck Hartz.....	625-5900
District Commissioner.....	Bob Motl.....	629-6094
Senior District Executive...	Michael J. Hartigan, III.....	764-6127
		936-8072

MAY

- 2 Roundtable at 7:30PM - **Scout Show Ticket Turn-In at 6:30PM**
- 2 O.A Chapter Mtg. at 7:30PM
- 4 Scout Show & Pinewood Derby Race at Laishley Park in PG
- 9 District Commissioner's Staff Mtg. at 7:30PM
- 11 Scouters Workday at Camp Miles
- 16 Council Coord. Cmte. Mtg. TBA
- 16 OA LEC Mtg. at PCUMC
- 18 Summer Camp Leader's Trng. Mtg. at Camp
- 20 Fall Membership Briefing & Commissioner's Cabinet PCUMC
- 23 District Committee Mtg. at 7:30PM
- 27 Memorial Day -- Office Closed

JUNE

- 1 Interviews for Jamboree Troops at Camp Miles
- 6 Roundtable & OA Mtg. at 7:30PM
- 8 Woodbadge 90 Day Mtg. at Camp Miles
- 13 District Commissioner's Staff mtg. at 7:30PM
- 14-16 OA Ordeal Weekend at Camp
- 17-21 District Cub Scout Day Camp at Charlotte Harbor School
- 21-23 Cub Scout Resident Camp at Camp Flying Eagle
- 28-30 Webelos Resident Camp at Camp Flying Eagle

(Unless noted, ALL meetings will be held at the Port Charlotte United Methodist Church.)

On March 16-17 at Camp Flying Eagle, the council conducted it's annual **Adventure Weekend**, a new recruit weekend for new scouts to join Scouting "Thanks" to those troops in the district that attended this event - Troop 95, 320, 770, & 1035

THANKS to all the units who helped with this year's Florida International Air Show in Punta Gorda ... way to rally the "troops" Boy Scout Airshow Chairman Bill Hicks. Thanks again Troop 5, 13, 95, 198 & 212.

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Calusa District

Serving Scouters in Cape Coral, North Fort Myers, and Pine Island

District Chairman.....Greg Egolf.....772-4621
District Commissioner.....Greg Helton.....458-4468
District Executive.....Don Roedding.....936-8072

MAY

- 2 Roundtable; 7:30pm Grace United Methodist
Scout Show Ticket and Money Return
- 4 Scout Show; Alliance of the Arts; 10:00am-3pm
- 11 Scouters Workday; Camp Miles
- 14 Commissioner Staff Meeting; 7:30; Grace
United Methodist Church
- 16 Council Calendar Review followed by Council
Program Committee meetings
- 18 Scouting Day for Special Youth; Camp Flying
Eagle
Scoutmasters Summer Camp Orientation
- 20 Fall Membership Briefing; Port Charlotte
- 28 District Committee Meeting; 7:30pm; Messiah
Lutheran

JUNE

- 1 Interviews for Jamboree
- 5 Popcorn Sales Critique Meeting; 7:30p.m.
- 6 Roundtable; 7:30p.m.; Grace United Methodist
- 11 Commissioner Staff Meeting; 7:30p.m.; GUMC
- 13 School's Out
- 14-16 OA Ordeal & Brotherhood Weekend
- 16-22 Camp Staff Week
- 17-21 Cub Scout Summer Day Camp; Hancock Creek
Elementary
- 21-23 Cub Scout Resident Camp
- 23-29 Summer Camp Week I
- 25 District Committee; 7:30p.m.; Messiah Lutheran
- 26 Camping Committee meeting @ P.S.S.R.
- 27-30 Webelos Scout Resident Camp

CALUSA - "HOME OF THE TRAINED" - We had 17 participants attend Woodbadge this year. This course takes a tremendous amount of time and commitment. A big Scout salute to each of you who have **earned** or are **earning** your woodbadge. Good luck on those tickets!

ROUNDTABLE INFO - We are really pushing to get 100% unit representation at our Roundtable meetings. The information that is presented and handed out is extremely important to your units participation and growth. As an added incentive, neckerchiefs are being offered to any leader that attends 6 consecutive Roundtable meetings in '96. If you make 9 out of the 11, a hand-carved neckerchief slide will be added. For Cub Scout leaders - Safe Swim Defense and Safety Afloat will be taught by Rob Holcomb

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Palm District

Serving Scouters in East Lee and Hendry Counties

District Chairman.....Father Brien Koehler.....334-2479
District Commissioner.....David Isley.....337-4446
Sr. District Executive.....Cedric McSwine.....936-8072

MAY

- 2 Scout Show Ticket & Money Turn-In, 6:30pm;
Covenant Presbyterian Church
- 2 Commissioner Staff Mtg., 6:45pm; Covenant
Presbyterian Church
- 2 Roundtable/OA Mtg., 7:30pm; Covenant Pres.
- 4 Council Scout Shows
- 11 Scouters Work Day
- 12 Mother's Day
- 18 Scoutmasters Summer Camp Orientation
- 20 Fall Membership Briefing
- 23 District Committee Mtg., 7:30pm, Boy Scout
Office
- 27 Memorial Day ---- OFFICE CLOSED

JUNE

- 6 Commissioner Staff Meeting, 6:45p.m.;
Covenant Presbyterian Church
- 6 Roundtable/OA Meeting, 7:30p.m., Covenant
Presbyterian Church
- 14-16 OA Ordeal and Brotherhood Weekend
- 16 Father's Day
- 16-22 Staff Week at Summer Camp
- 17-21 Cub Scout Day Camp
- 21-23 Cub Scout Resident Camp
- 23-29 Summer Camp Week #1
- 27 District Committee Meeting, 7:30p.m.; Scout
Office
- 27-30 Webelos Scout Resident Camp

SCOUT SHOW - The Lee County Scout Show will be held on May 4 at Alliance of the Arts on the corner of McGregor and Colonial. The Show will include Palm, Seminole, and Calusa Districts, and promises to be very exciting and competitive.

DAY CAMP - Day Camp is June 17-21 at St. Luke's Church. A very exciting and fun week is being planned so make plans to be at Day Camp. Rosalind Triano is Day Camp Director and she needs help with the staff for the week. Please give her a call even if you can only help one day. (334-2479)

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Seminole District

Serving Scouters in South Lee County

District Chairman.....	Jeff Smith.....	495-2718
District Commissioner.....	Duncan St. Clair.....	482-3007
District Executive.....	Ed Melendez.....	936-8072

MAY

- 2 Commissioner Staff Mtg. - 6:30pm, at Estero United Methodist Church
Roundtable at 7:00p.m. - Estero United Methodist Church
O.A. Chapter Mtg. - 7:00pm at Estero United Methodist Church
- 4 Southwest Florida Council Scout Show(s)
- 4-5 **CAMPS CLOSED**
- 7-9 Professional Staff Membership Planning Conference
- 11 Price-Sanders Scout Reservation Scouter's Workday
- 12 **MOTHER'S DAY**
- 15 Council Executive Committee Meeting
- 16 O.A. LEC
- 18 Scoutmasters Summer Camp Orientation
- 20 Fall Membership Briefing
Pro Staff Team Meetings
- 21 Health & Safety Committee Mtg.
- 23 District Committee Mtg., 7:30pm at the Scout Office, Fort Myers
- 27 **MEMORIAL DAY / OFFICES CLOSED**
- 31 Management Mtg.

JUNE

- 6 Commissioner Staff Mtg. at 6:30p.m. at Estero United Methodist Church
Roundtable at 7:00p.m. - Estero United Methodist Church
O.A. Chapter meeting at 7:00p.m. - Estero United Methodist Church
- 8 SR-124 Wood Badge Luncheon
- 14-16 OA Ordeal and Brotherhood Weekend
- 16 **FATHER'S DAY**
- 16-22 Camp Staff Week
- 17-21 Cub Scout Day Camp
- 18 Council Executive Board Meeting
- 20 Eagle Project Review
O.A. L.E.C.
- 21-23 **Cub Scout Resident Camp**
- 23-29 **Summer Camp (Week I)**
- 26 Camping Committee Meeting at PSSR
- 26 District Committee Mtg., at 7:00p.m. at the Scout Office
- 27-30 **Webelos Resident Camp**
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Manatee District

Serving Scouters in Manatee County

District Chairman.....	Bill Granger.....	755-0009
District Commissioner.....	Jim Goodall.....	747-0655
Sr. District Executive.....	Dwight Kerr.....	955-3347

MAY

- 2 District Commissioner's Staff Meeting; 7:30p.m.; Christ United Methodist Church, 5512 26th St. W
- 2 Cub & Boy Scout Leader's Roundtable; 7:30p.m.; Christ United Methodist Church
- 2 Order of the Arrow Chapter Meeting; 7:30p.m. Christ United Methodist Church
- 4 Manatee District Scout Show; G.T. Bray Park
- 11 Scouters Workday at Camp Miles
- 16 Council Level Committee Meetings; Camping, Training, Advancement, Activities, **Calendar Review and DINNER**
- 20 Fall Membership Briefing Meeting
- 23 District Committee Meeting; 7:30p.m.; Christ United Methodist Church

JUNE

- Commissioners and Roundtable Staff Training Conference
- 6 District Commissioner's Staff meeting
- 6 Cub & Boy Scout Leader's Roundtable
- 6 Order of the Arrow Chapter Meeting
- 10-14 Manatee District Day Camp
- 14-16 Order of the Arrow Ordeal Weekend
- 20 Eagle Project Preview
- 21-23 Cub Scout Camping Weekend
- 23 Boy Scout Summer Camp week #1
- 27 District Committee Meeting
- 28-30 Webelos Scout Camping Weekend
- 30 Boy Scout Summer Camp week #2

DAY CAMP: June 10-14

Day Camp is five days of fun for Cub Scouts and Webelos Scouts. Boys will be able to play games, make crafts, work on achievements, learn more about nature and the outdoors, swim, and have fun. In Manatee County camp will be held at the Bayshore park & Recreation Center. Camp will cost \$40 if paid by May 20, and \$45 after May 20th. If you are available to help during the week call Camp Director, Sue Baker at 778-2852. Please send in your application as soon as possible, if you don't have an application, call the Council Office 1-800-269-8072 and we will send you one.

CUB SCOUT AND WEBELOS CAMPING WEEKEND

Camping Weekend is an extended camping
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Miccosukee District

*Serving Scouters in Sarasota and DeSoto Counties, including
Arcadia, Venice, North Port & Englewood*

District Chairman.....Chuck Donelson.....355-5151
District Commissioner.....Kevin Smith.....922-3290
District Executive.....Clint Scharff.....955-3347

MAY

- 2 RT/OA @ St. John's UMC 7:30p.m.
- 4 Scout Show @ Venice Community Center
- 11 Scouter's Workday @ PSSR
- 14 Commish staff meeting
- 16 Council Coordinated Cmte. Meeting at Port Charlotte
- 18 Summer Camp Leaders' Meeting @ PSSR 10:00am-12:00pm
- 18-19 Fun-o-ree (Scouting's Day for Special Youth) @ PSSR
- 20 Membership/Commissioner Briefing
- 27 Memorial Day - Office Closed
- 28 District Committee

JUNE

- 6 RT/OA
- 8 Wood Badge 90 Reunion
- 11 Dist. Commish mtg
- 10-14 Miccosukee Day Camp @ Wilkenson Elem.
- 14-16 OA Ordeal @ PSSR
- 16-22 Summer Camp Staff Week @ PSSR
- 21-23 Cub Resident Camp @ CFE
- 23-29 Week I Summer Camp @ PSSR
- 26 Dist. Committee Meeting @ PSSR, 7:30pm
- 27-30 Webelos Resident Camp @ CFE
- 29 Summer Camp High Adventure trek departs for Georgia.

SCHOOL NIGHT - Sue Ellen Keller and Bruce Mullen are working hard to recruit all the school night teams to help plan out School Night for this Fall. Committee Chairman should be receiving an information packet in the mail very soon. If you have any questions regarding School Night please call Sue Ellen or Clint Scharff at your earliest convenience, because the sooner we know of your needs the sooner we can work together to address them.

CUB DAY CAMP - Well it's that time of year again, CUB DAY CAMP TIME!. This year, Dee Bolen and her staff, have done a great job of building the best program we have ever had. By now every Cub Scout should have received his flyer and registration from in the mail. please complete that form and mail it to the council office in Fort Myers with a check for the camp fee as soon as possible (\$40 before May 20, \$45 after). If you have any questions please call
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Exploring

Serving the Exploring Program Council-wide

EPA Chair.....Jamie Cogen.....(941) 597-5012
Service Team Coordinator.....Al Brenner.....
Staff Advisor.....Maryann Lorenc.....936-8072

AFL-CIO Skilled Trades Exploring Scholarships

The AFL-CIO presents two \$1,000 scholarships annually to Explorers to help them support their education toward a career in a skilled trade.

QUALIFICATIONS: The Explorer's achievements must reflect the high degree of motivation, commitment, and skills that epitomizes the skilled-trades. Criteria include the following:

- Being a graduating high school senior in May or June of the year applying
- The school selected by the applicant must be an accredited public or proprietary institution or union apprentice program
- Academic record
- Recommendations from each of the following (no relatives): post Advisor, high school principal or academic adviser, and a community person
- Five hundred word essay about why the applicant feels he or she is qualified to receive the scholarship

DEADLINE: All completed applications must be approved by the local council Scout executive and submitted to the BSA national office. Applications should be sent to the Boy Scouts of America, Exploring Division, S210, 1325 West Walnut Hill Lane, P.O. Box 152079, Irving, TX 75015-2079.

Please contact the council office at (941) 936-8072 or 1-800-269-8072 for an application.

JUNIOR DEPUTY / D.A.R.E. CAMP - Collier County Sheriff's Department Explorer Post 54 and Post 64 participated in the 1996 Junior Deputy/D.A.R.E. camp April 2-3, 1996 at the Sports park in Naples. The explorers assisted with the 380 girls and 326 boys that attended the camp. The time and effort these explorers put into this event is greatly appreciated by the community.

THE 6th ANNUAL SOUTHWEST FLORIDA LAW ENFORCEMENT ACADEMY is tentatively set for July 22-August 5, 1996. It will be hosted by the Lee County Port
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Dee at 966-1565.

SUMMER CAMP - A Leader's meeting is being held at Camp Miles on May 18 for all leaders and parents of Scouts attending camp this summer. The meeting will review the camp program and help answer any last minute questions, information packets will be available and all the Program Area Directors will be present to answer your questions. If your unit is not going to Miles this year but would like to see what your Scouts are going to miss out on please join us, it'll be a great way to get your camp planning for 1997 already.

FUN-O-REE - The weekend of May 18 will be the Fun-O-Ree, a weekend designed for Scouts with special needs. This is a great opportunity for Scouts to work on their Disability Awareness Merit Badge. For more information please call Dr. Terry Garner at 488-3584.

SUMMER TIME PACK AWARD - All Cubmasters and Pack Committee Chairmen... please send a list of all your units planned activities for the months of June, July, and August to the Field Office so that it may be shared with the Camping and Activities Committees. Thank you.

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Summer Camp - Camp reservations are filling fast so please reserve your spot before it's too late. Palm District is striving to have 100% of troops take part in some long term camp.

Council Camporee - Congratulations to Troop 69 for winning the best all around Chili Champions. Way to go 69!!!!

Special Note from Your D.E.

happy Mother's Day to all of the Mothers in Palm District, and may this day bring you Joy and Happiness.

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sible. Every registered Cub Scout will receive his own invitation / registration form to sign-up and the camp fee is only \$40.00 if paid by May 20th.

The following are the dates for each district's day camps: Alligator District is July 8-12, Billy Bowlegs District is June 17-21, Calusa District is June 17-21 (Theme: A Journey Around the World), Manatee District is June 10-14, Miccosukee District is June 10-14, Palm District is June 17-21 and Seminole District is June 17-21.

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THANKS to all the units who helped with this year's Florida International Air Show in Punta Gorda ... way to rally the "troops" (and packs) Boy Scout Air show Chairman Bill Hicks.

This year's **F.O.S. Campaign**, under the leadership of Chairman Rufus Lazzell, is doing a super job and has raised, at press time, almost 90% of it's \$23,000 goal -- Congratulations to the following units who have earned their **F.O.S. Gold Cards**, which entitles them to free camping at Camp Miles or Camp Flying Eagles for one year -- Pack 770, 85, 320, 310, 301, 312 and Troop 770.

This year's **District Scout Show** is chaired by Andy Post. We will be at Laishley Park in Punta Gorda and it looks like we will have more units participating this year than last year's show. Looking forward to an exciting day of "showing" Scouting to everyone on May 4th.

From the Desk of your D.E.

Congratulations to the Billy Bowlegs District's newest Eagle Scouts Brad Ciarcia of Troop 1035 chartered by the American Legion #103 of Punta Gorda and Robert Buckey of Troop 13 chartered by the Lutheran Church of the Cross of Port Charlotte / Deep Creek area



Troop 5 celebrated it's 75th Anniversary on April 1st at the old Scout House in Punta Gorda and what a night it was with some 100 scouts, scouters, family members and community leaders all coming together to celebrate all the good memories they had -- thanks for including your District Executive, Michael Hartigan, and Council Scout Executive, John Akerman, in the ceremony and in that very special night.



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at the June Roundtable. The training takes about one hour.

RECHARTER ROUND-UP - Several adult leaders have taken 3 evenings to call all the boys that were dropped during the recharter process. We have a sheet that will be sent to each Scoutmaster, Cubmaster and Committee Chairman, listing the boys that should still be registered, boys interested in switching units and boys that have dropped out but are interested in registering again. Please, when you receive this list make sure to contact each of the boys listed.

CUB SCOUT SUMMER DAY CAMP is rapidly approaching. Flyers have been sent to each registered Cub Scout giving the specific details of camp. Be sure to register early. There is only space available for 220 boys and those slots will fill quickly. There is still a need for adult volunteers. If you can help in any way please call Dee Duggan at 540-0988.

THE COUNCIL ENCAMPMENT was a huge success. Over 1200 boys participated in the weekend event. Both Troop 82 and 2199 placed in the Gateway competition and the Campsite competition. The encampment leadership also later released information stating that 2199 had most points overall among all the troops that participated in the weekend. A big Scout salute to a job well done boys!

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opportunity for Cub Scouts and Webelos. It offers a summer camp program designed just for Cub Scout age boys, with activities that everyone will enjoy. because of the age of the boys and the camping involved, each Cub Scout and Webelos must have one parent, or guardian, with them. If you are available to help during the week call Camp Director Dwight Kerr at 1-800-280-3347. Please send in your application as soon as possible, if you don't have an application, call the Council Office at 1-800-269-8072 and we will send you one.

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also be given the chance this weekend, the cost is \$22, which includes the weekend fee and brotherhood sash. To those arrowmen who will be attending the ordeal, hopefully everyone, the cost is \$15. The ideal part of this weekend is to provide service to Camp Miles, in preparation for Summer Camp, and camping in general. Those adults interested in knowing what the adult service projects are, may contact Jim Mott, the lodge advisor.

Training News

The Council Training Committee has been working hard to develop a training calendar for the 1996-1997 Scout year that will meet the needs of all Scouters. As you can imagine, the physical size of our Council presents some interesting challenges. Throughout our calendar discussions, three issues were brought out time and time again: 1. We are one Council now, not two; 2. We need to get the training out where it is convenient for our Scouters to attend; 3. Our goal is to train as many as possible.

One of our challenges was to decide if we should have one Pow Wow or two. Our decision was the "one Council" rule applied here and we would have one Pow Wow. The location has not been determined yet. Should we stay in a central location, or go north one year and south the next? Would a school be a better location for this kind of course? Give us your thoughts. We want to hear from you.

Scoutmastership Fundamentals will see some changes. We will provide a Council course in the Fall and then District courses in the Spring. The Council Training Committee has set some specific guidelines for how a District SMF course will be presented. 1. The Course Director must be approved by the Council Training Committee. 2. The trainers must be "Train-the-Trainer" trained. 3. The course must have at least 10 participants registered two weeks prior to the course, otherwise the course will be canceled. (This is to ensure that there are enough participants to teach the "patrol method".) 4. The BSA syllabus contents must be taught - no short cuts. 5. It is recommended that 2 or 3 districts pool their resources and hold a joint district SMF course to ensure quantity and quality of training.

The Council Training Committee recognizes the importance of the Train-the-Trainer course. To assist new trainers in becoming certified in this area, an August 1996 course has been added to the existing calendar. Watch for more information this publication and at your District Roundtable. TTT will be scheduled twice a year from now on.

Outdoor Skills Instruction is a national BSA training program that this Council has not given enough attention to in the past. Watch for four OSI courses in the 1996-97 Scout calendar. The four OSI courses selected by the Committee are Camping, Cooking, Wilderness Survival, and Team Building. If you are interested in being the Course Director for one of these training events, we want to hear from you.

The Southwest Florida Council has just completed a very successful Wood Badge Course, SR-124. Congratulations

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CAP'S CORNER

Helen and I are just back from a very outstanding weekend at the Council Encampment at Camp Flying Eagle. Last word I got was that we had over 1400 Scouts and Scouters there. What a great effort by all involved.

Here's a big reminder. As you read this, Scouter's Workday at Camp Miles is just around the corner. We will be working on the latrine roofs and the dining hall for our primary projects. If there is time and people, we will also try to get a couple of the buildings pressure cleaned and maybe even painted. The latrine roof project will be divided into three teams. One team will be removing the old roofing and hauling it away. Team two will be replacing any sheeting that is necessary and nailing down the stripping. Team three will be installing the new metal roofing material and eaves. With enough people to help, it should be a walk in the park. We're recruiting experienced team leaders so that the knowledge will be there and will make the projects go smoother. Jack Stauffer and crew will be giving the dining hall and kitchen a spit shining and painting so that we will get another outstanding rating from HRS at our annual inspection before summer camp. If there is enough help, the Health Lodge and training Lodge could sure use a coat of paint. We'll bring the pressure washer down from Flying Eagle and have plenty of masking tape and newspaper. Our power sprayer will make painting a breeze. Be sure and make plans to be here. Give me a call (639-4800) if you have any tools or other equipment that might help. The kitchen crew will also be serving lunch to all who work for it. If you get a chance, call me at the office and let me know if you're coming so we can plan lunch.

Interesting thing happened her recently. We had some very well-intentioned people bring some very, very, very bad wood to camp. Please, please! Do not bring exotic plants to camp. We are prohibited from allowing Maleluca, Brazilian Pepper, or Bamboo on the property. Australian Pine is only allowed if you trim all the limbs off before bringing it. Those of you who know me also know that I get real uptight when anyone does something that will endanger our property. Please check your wood before bringing it to camp, I'd hate to have to derail your pioneering projects before the Scouts even get to work on them.

Summer camp is almost here. If you don't have your reservation in, you need to get in touch with the office or Camp Director, Clint Scharff, as soon as possible so your boys don't miss out. We are going to have a great summer. 'nough for now.

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"NEWS FROM THE EAGLE"

Well we did it. According to all reports, the first ever, Southwest Florida Council Encampment at Camp Flying Eagle, was a great success. Registration reports approximately 1500 scouts, scouters, and staff attended. This has to be a record for Camp Flying Eagle. The weather was great, no mosquitoes were allowed, and there was plenty of good food for everyone.

A special thanks to Camporee Chief Wayne Bailey and his staff. Moving a large group of scouts, scouters, troop trailers, and other misc. equipment in and out of C.F.E. with its narrow roads was no easy task.

Heard many good comments about Friday night's crossover ceremony. A big thanks goes to Kevin Smith.

The big show Saturday night was a great success also. A big thanks to Gary Doney for that.

And a special thanks to "Red Dog" Maynard for putting together a great program.

March 30th was "Silver hammer" workday at C.F.E. A big thanks to all who were there. The four cabins in the Kiwanis Campsite were re-roofed thanks to a donation of materials for scouter Bobby Lamb. It was reported to me that a roof-tester/cook, Paul Evans found at least one weak spot in a cabin roof. Several other projects were completed and overall it was productive day.

Looking forward to the weekend of May 17 for the "Fun-O-Ree". Terry Garner promises another great weekend for this event.

Chief Campmaster for C.F.E., Jerry Scott is requesting help in filling several weekend slots. Please contact Jerry at 941-751-0029. We need more campmasters.

And last, but not least, I have received several positive comments recently from leaders regarding my crusade to get scouts back to backpacks. Seems that there are a few leaders that are trying. Keep it up guys. Backpacks on scouts are really a lot easier to push than two-ton troop trailers are to pull.



Bud Johnson
Ranger
Camp Flying Eagle



Southwest Scouting

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SCOUT SHOW - Ticket turn-in will be before roundtable, again at Moorings Presbyterian Church. We will be there from 6:45p.m. until 7:30p.m. collecting tickets and settling with all units.

CUB SCOUT LEADER ROUNDTABLE - the topics of the May 2 session will be Crossovers, Summertime activities, Summertime pack Award and Adult Recognition. We will be looking forward to seeing you at 7:30p.m. on Thursday, May 2, at Moorings Presbyterian Church.

BOY SCOUT LEADER ROUNDTABLE - The topic of the May 2 session will be Summertime Activities: long term camping and Adult Recognition. See you at 7:30p.m. on Thursday, May 2 at Moorings Presbyterian Church.

SCOUT SHOW - The Alligator District Scout Show is on Saturday, May 4th at Cambrier Park in downtown Naples. Opening ceremony is at 9:00a.m. and closing will be at 4:00p.m. Cub Scout Packs, Boy Scout Troops and Explorer Posts will have booths to show the community what it is you do. We'll look forward to seeing everyone there!

SCOUTER'S WORKDAY - May 18 at Price-Sanders Scout Reservation is Scouter's Workday. A day of fun and fellowship to help out one of our Council camps.

DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEETING - Just a reminder that our District Committee is now meeting at 7:00p.m. at the Naples Airport Authority Building on May 28. We hope to see the entire District Committee there!!!

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Authority Police Department and will be held at the Airport Training Center. Contact Det. John Scrivonich at (941) 768-4722 for more information.

POST 88 MAKES BIG BANG ... On Friday, April 12th; the Sanibel Explorer Post participated in live firing exercises at Camp Miles. The Post members sharpened their abilities to fire and care for .22 cal rifles. Part of the morning was spent going over Safety Procedures before live firing began. Even though several of the members fired for the first time, all completed the training with honors.

EXPLORER POST 88 - Sanibel Police Department on March 24th completed the "NRA Basic Firearms Safety Course". Later on in April, these graduates will begin "hands-on" training at Camp Miles.

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30-7/6 **Summer Camp (Week II)**

ATTENTION! - District Committee meetings will continue to be held at the Scout Office until further notice. The convenience of location and facility has increased attendance, so that's good news! Also, the Scout Shop will be open for your convenience.

ATTENTION! - **Seminole District Day Camp** will be held at the **Cypress Lake United Methodist Church**, thanks to **Bill Stewart**. We all truly appreciate the effort!! THX.

Congratulations! to **Rich Meacham, Bill Stewart, and Bill Grieder**, for having reached and/or surpassed their F.O.S. campaign goal, also, for the wonderful success we are having in the F.O.S. campaign of "96". This **pyramid** of strength will continue to make us strong. **Good Work!**

Congratulations! Bryan Dafrota on his recent Court of Honor.

Congratulations! To all the Gold Card Units

Attention All! There will be a backpacking seminar held by Jeff Smith at the Sports & Rec on June 1, 1996 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to come! ... Location is on Daniels - east of 41.

Membership! Troop 109 from Bonita Springs Elementary has increased from 2 to 12 members and the numbers will continue to grow! Go!Go!Go!

Congratulations to all those who were fortunate scouts of being "Tapped out" by the OA at the Camporee. Many were selected, few were chosen.

ATTENTION ALL!!! - For the Scout Show... All units are encouraged to set up early in the morning ... for more info please attend the upcoming Roundtable.

Attention All! Please make note in your calendar for Lots of Fun! All troops are invited to attend the 1996 "Fun-O-Ree" / Day for Special Youth beginning May 17, 18 and 19 at Camp Flying Eagle. Boys in the host troops will earn the Disabilities Awareness merit badge during the event. We must remember that emphasis will be given to the Special Youth who participate. Some come join the fun and promote this coming event. As we all may very well know, everyone will smile the same language.

Last but not least... The Camporee was a success thanks to all those who attended, especially troops 109, 101, 30, 140, and 138. David Mott ... Great Job!



CAMP MILES 1996 The Legend of the Summer

Unit/Campsite Registration

Week Site	Staff 6/16-22	I 23-29	II 30-7/6	III 7-13	IV 14-20
Seminole North		117	95	20	87
Seminole South		38		165	770
Delaware		1035	4	69	160 (OOC)
Sioux - North		5	11	119	761
Sioux South		707	115	25	43/39
Miccosukee		provo	provo	provo	provo
Apache North		211	2199	34	138
Apache South		69 (Cent FL)	93	50	312
Cherokee		2	101	66	517
Mohawk North		314 (Miami)		215	30
Mohawk South		198	80	234	76
Calusa		89	1	168	2495

If you have any questions about registering for Camp, please call Clint Scharff at the Council Service Center Field Office, 955-3347 or 800-280-3347.

Council Calendar

MAY

- 4 Council Scout Shows
- 7-9 Pro Staff Planning Conference
- 11 Scouters Workday at Price-Sanders
- 15 Executive Committee Meeting
- 16 Council Annual Coordinated Committee Meetings
- 18 Scoutings Day for Special Youth (Fun-O-Ree)
- 20 Fall Membership Briefing Meeting
- 27 Memorial Day - OFFICE CLOSED

JUNE

- 3 Pro Staff Meeting
- 8 SR 124 Wood Badge 90 day Meeting
- 14-16 O.A. Ordeal Weekend
- 16-22 Staff Training for Summer Camp
- 18 Council Board Meeting
- 23-29 Summer Camp Week #1



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to Don Johnson and his fine staff for an excellent training experience. Several participants of SR-124 have included training in their "tickets". The Council Training Committee welcomes these eager trainers to participate in future training courses. Just a reminder ... anyone who is not already Train the Trainer certified, will want to sign up for the August 1996 TTT course!

The Council Training Committee will be meeting soon to identify potential course directors for upcoming courses. If you would like to nominate someone to serve as a Council level course director, please contact your District Training Chairman, or call Tracy Lima, Council Training Chairman at 941-542-5765.

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