

**“Arrow Points”  
Newsletter**

Thursday, March 8, 2012



Welcome back to our Cub Scout Roundtable Newsletter! It is here that you will find information, events and dates for our Lake Sands District and Gulf Coast Council. Please share this newsletter with your Pack Leadership.

- **March Core Value: Faith** - *Having inner strength or confidence based on our trust in God. With their family guiding them, Cub Scouts will grow stronger in their faith. Through den and pack activities boys will learn to understand and respect people whose faith is different from theirs.*

***Faith is not belief without proof, but trust without reservation.***  
***D. Elton Trueblood***

**Lake Sands District Information**

- **Scouting for Food:** This month of March we are collecting canned green vegetables from the Cub Scouts to help with the food pantry, here, at Northside Baptist Church.
- **Camp Cards:** 10,000 were ordered. Did you know that twenty (20) Camp Cards will pay the way for a Cub Scout to get to Day Camp? Also, Camp Cards can pay for Webelos Resident Camp! Sell, sell, and sell!!! June 1<sup>st</sup> is the deadline for all monies to be turned in.
- **Journey to Excellence: David Kirkland, our JTE Coordinator,** is here tonight to provide more information on how to make this program work in your units. It is important to input data each month so that you aren't playing "catch up" at the end of the year.
- **Training Notes: Tracey Holliday** is forming the Training Committee and needs a lot of help from volunteers. Do you know someone who is willing to help with this valuable committee? Contact Tracey for more information tonight.
- **Order of the Arrow:** The OA had great success at YNAW! Many cub scouts and their families came out and enjoyed the events planned by the OA to help promote Native American culture in the Panhandle area.
- **Advancements:** Keep up with advancements on a monthly basis. Submit all advancement records to the council office so that credit is given to your scouts.



## ARROW OF LIGHT

- Most second year Webelos would have completed Arrow of Light requirements and bridged to Boy Scouts in February or March. Those Packs that may have delayed the event should continue the program with their second year Webelos.
- **Lake Sands District Pinewood Derby:** Lynn Haven Elementary School is the place to be on March 31, 2012! The top 3 winners from each pack will compete at the District level. There will also be an "Open" class for family members, siblings, and friends. Come, bring some friends, and join in this family fun event! The cost is \$6.00 for all participants. This is a perfect opportunity for us to promote what cub scouts do for fun in our district. Have your boys bring their friends to this event.



- **Program information:** Day Camp is just around the corner! We need baby food jars and at least 120 empty, cleaned out ½ Gallon waxed juice/soy milk boxes. We also need empty paper towel/gift wrap rolls and white socks for puppets. *Please pass the word around to your friends and families.*
- **Day Camp Help is needed:** We are looking for Craft, Den Time, and Sports Station directors. Each pack is encouraged to send at least one representative to the Day Camp Committee meeting on March 25, at 2:00 at Neubauer Real Estate, 3434 HWY 77 (and Mosley Drive). Contact Shandi Payne or Georgia Gunn for more information.
- Remember: **Three-fourths of Scouting is Outing!** Make sure your boys get registered for Cub Scout Day Camp. Our Day Camp is already busy planning a great program and the time for registering your boys is right around the corner.  
***Don't be left on the outside lookin' in!***
- **Roundtable Attendance:** Last month we had only **8 Packs** represented and 22 Scouters attend our last Roundtable. It would be nice to get this number to increase! The packs in attendance were: **303, 311, 317, 321, 324, 356, 382, and 388.** We appreciate all of the time you give up to make a difference in the life of the scouts you represent! Thanks to all of you!!

➤ **Mark these dates on your calendar:**

- March 9-11: Tiger Growl—information went home in February.
- March 25: Day Camp Committee Meeting
- March 31: Lake Sands District Pinewood Derby
- April: **Scouting for Food** – Packs are asked to collect and bring in any other colored canned vegetable or boxed pasta products to help support the food pantry at Northside Baptist church.
- April 12: Cub Scout Roundtable 7:00 P.M.
- May 4-5: Webelos Wilderness Weekend—Paul Sims Property

**A look ahead:**

- **April Core Value: Health and Fitness**
- **OWL and BALOO Training to be held at Webelos Wilderness Weekend**



We hope to see you at the next Roundtable!  
Encourage your Pack Leadership to come join us!

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## March 8<sup>th</sup> Round Table Updates!

**David Kirkland**, our Journey to Excellence Coordinator, will continue to make presentations to us each month to help us work with this program so that our packs are kept up to date in all areas. His information is valuable and has been an excellent resource for those of us that have found the JTE Program to be a little bit challenging! A big THANKS to David for taking on this responsibility to help us along this “journey”!

**Tracey Holliday**, our **Training Chairperson**, is pushing for all leaders to get the training they need. Please refer to the District Calendar for the trainings that are being offered in our district. Also, if someone in your pack is willing to step up and offer Tracey help on this committee, she sure would be a happier Chairperson! Spread the word! This committee needs members!

**Tom Reynolds** gave us more information on the **Webelos Wilderness Weekend**. He asked for input on what activities you would like for your scouts to work on during this weekend. It looks to be a weekend packed with fun and learning! May 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> are the dates. He will have more information about this weekend at the April Roundtable.

Tom also promoted the **Panama City Gem and Mineral Society's meetings** on the third Thursday of each month. They meet during the months of September through May, from 7-9 P.M. and Joe Moody Harris Park Center off Sherman Avenue.

**Verine**, Pack 321, promoted a **Readyman** course being offered for Webelos 1 and 2 on June 16<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 to 1:00 at the Southport Emergency Operations Center.

**Ruby Mixdorf**, our District Advancement Chairperson, shared with us how to set up internet advancement for your pack through [www.myscouting.org](http://www.myscouting.org). You will need to contact the council office for your password in order to get this started for your pack. It's easy to follow and walks you through the steps. Need more information? Contact Ruby, at [ruby.mixdorf@comcast.net](mailto:ruby.mixdorf@comcast.net).

**Michael Kirkland**, DE, passed out ribbons to units that achieved high honors and were worthy of recognition. He will give me those units and what the ribbons for when he returns from TX. I'll pass the information on to you then. **Congratulations** to those units in attendance at RT that received your ribbon and kind words from Michael on March 8<sup>th</sup>!

Michael pushed for units to keep selling camp cards. He encouraged us to “let the scout earn his way to camp and activities through selling camp cards!”

**Troop 310** is the only troop, as of March 8<sup>th</sup>, that has been reporting camp card sales to Michael. He needs units to keep him informed and up to date on where you are with this fundraiser. Please email him with information regarding how your unit is doing.

Michael sent out an email letting us know that parents had been emailed with information regarding “Voice of the Scout”. Please see the following letter from Field Director, **William Eagan**:

Dear Scouter,

**As part of a national Boy Scout of America program, the Gulf Coast Council is excited to announce their participation in the Voice of the Scout. With over four million members, this program is being adopted as a key way to collect experiences and deliver upon the expectation of members as they participate in Scouting.**

**Starting today, parents, Scouts & Venturers over 14, volunteers and chartered organizations will begin seeing surveys delivered into their email inboxes for Voice of the Scout. The surveys have been designed to be very brief but will give needed insight into the variety of experiences at the unit and district within our council.**

**Surveys will stay open for three weeks, and then information will be referenced for making key decisions to drive scouting forward, as guided by the people that matter most- our members. It will be a continuous program, in that we will launch these surveys twice per year, with no household receiving more than one survey every six month.**

**Due to the sheer volume of surveys in this program, we must deliver via email to effectively and efficiently collect opinions. To make the most of this program we will begin asking for emails updates regularly, so please make sure we have your most recent email by joining the Council Email list at [gulfcoastcouncil.org](http://gulfcoastcouncil.org) or contacting your District Executive.**

**Voice of the Scout is how we will help guide our decision-making for our future programs and operational delivery. Please take a few minutes of your time to participate!**

**Sincerely  
William Egan**

**Field Director, Gulf Coast Council**

**Day Camp!!!** Please refer to the Arrow Points Newsletter for dates and information for this event. Registration is online and you need to register as a Pack.

**Jennifer Turnbull is the Program Director and Chuck Rexroad is the Camp Director for Day Camp this year. They will continue to keep us informed at the Round Tables.**

**Georgia** has asked for someone to step up and Chair a committee that will schedule and organize our participation in Bay County's parades throughout the year. If you are willing to step up with a Co-Chairperson, please let Georgia know. Summer time parades are just around the corner....I'm just sayin'.

We are still **collecting food** for the Northside Baptist Church Food Pantry each month. Check out what to collect for this month and next, in our "Arrow Points Newsletter"!!

**Kevin Hall, Pack 321,** has become our Song Leader and helped us learn/sing two great songs to share with our Scouts. Thanks, Kevin for your help in adding to our programs! Your Scouting Spirit is amazing!!

As you can see, a lot of information is passed out at our Roundtables. I am hoping to see more Scouters in attendance at our April 12<sup>th</sup> meeting. We kept our last meeting to an hour and 20 minutes! We were all on our way home by 8:25 P.M.

**Where will you be on April 8<sup>th</sup>? Bring your pack leadership to Roundtable!!**

**Continue reading the "Arrow Points"  
Newsletter that follows...**

## **PACK ADMIN HELPS**

**Here is another installment of the Administration Helps available to help your Pack run smoothly. A well organized, properly planned Den or Pack Meeting helps build the membership in your Pack.**

### **All Hail the Mighty Den Leader!**

*The program runs on Den Leaders. Do anything to keep them happy and productive. Don't let anyone pile extra duties on them. They are not someone's personal messenger, or delivery boy and especially they are not your wait staff at the Blue and Gold Banquet. Their only job is to lead the dens.*

**In Cub Scouting, you're either a den leader or your main job is to help den leaders. There is no other choice.**

So, who should be helping den leaders?

#### **Pack Leaders**

The success of a pack depends a lot more on den leaders than most of the pack leadership will ever know. In order to make the pack continue on in success, most cub masters gradually find ways to help dens and den leaders become successful. Cub masters and their committee members should make dens the stars of the pack meetings. Den leaders should be protected from having extra jobs thrust on them.

Good Pack Trainers, Treasurers and Committee Chairs can do a lot to ensure that den leaders get the training, funding and support they need to make their programs successful.

Someone in the pack structure should be doing their best to line up assistant den leaders and Den Chiefs.

#### **Commissioners**

Unit Commissioners should pay close attention to dens and den leaders because the conditions of den programs are better indicators of unit health than most other items on their check lists. District Commissioners, as a rule, should pay strict attention to the concerns of den leaders.

#### **Roundtable**

Roundtables can be invaluable to den leaders. Most den leaders require a constant flow of ideas. Den programs consume program items at an alarming rate.

Roundtables provide all sorts of program help on themes, projects and other activities that go on in our district and council. Roundtables are where den leaders should be to help build their den meetings and get ideas from other

leaders as to what works in their dens. Ideas are shared and problems are solved at roundtables. Cub masters should be encouraging their den leaders to attend all round tables.

### **The program runs on Den Leaders.**

Most of the real work in a pack is done in the dens. A lot of the advancement, the communication with parents, the den spirit, the building of self esteem, and living the ideals of Scouting take place in the den.

Our job running pack meetings and pack activities is mostly to support and encourage the stuff that was going on in the dens and, through the dens, in the homes. Without the work done in the dens and the boys' homes packs are nothing more than a monthly entertainment show. Only when our show supports and glorifies the den achievements, do we become part of Cub Scouting.

### **Do anything to keep your Den Leader happy and productive.**

Keeping a den leader in the pack is the most important responsibility of all those who support the Cub Scout program. When a den or a den leader fails, Scouting stops for those boys.

A good den leader is precious. To keep good den leaders happy and productive, it's vital that they are, and feel that they are, valuable and successful. Dens and their leaders must shine at pack meetings and pack activities. Den flags, den cheers and den presentations must be the highlights of pack programs.

**There are two classes of Cub Scouters: den leaders and those who help them. If you're not one or the other, you probably aren't helping the program much.**



# Core Value Moment

## FAITH

***Faith can move mountains, but don't be surprised if God hands you a shovel.***

Author Unknown

To encourage members to grow stronger in their faith, religious groups have developed religious emblem programs. The Boy Scouts of America has approved these programs and allows the emblems to be worn on the official uniform. Once earned, the award is generally presented by the church or religious group but may also be presented by the Scout unit at an event such as a pack meeting. This award may be earned as a youth, or presented to an adult who is nominated.

### Religious Emblems

[www.USScouts.org](http://www.USScouts.org)



"A Scout is Reverent." All Scouts show this by being faithful in their duty to God. Some go further and give special service. This can qualify them for a religious emblem. Such an emblem is not a Scouting award. It is conferred on a Scout by his religious leader.

The religious emblems programs are programs created by the various religious groups to encourage youth to grow stronger in their faith. The religious groups—not the Boy Scouts of America—have created the religious emblems programs themselves. The Boy Scouts of America has approved of these programs and allows the recognition to be worn on the official uniform, but each religious organization develops and administers its own program.

**For more information on Religious Emblems go to [www.USScouts.org](http://www.USScouts.org).**

## Music Notes

*A special thanks to Kevin Hall, Pack 321*

### Be Kind to Your Web-footed Friends

Sing this to the tune of *Stars and Stripes Forever*.

Be kind to your web footed friends,  
For that duck may be somebody's mother  
She lives in a hole in a swamp  
Where the weather is always damp  
You may think that this is the end:  
Well it is, but to prove that we're all fibbers  
We're going to sing it again,  
But only this time we will sing a little higher  
*Repeat as many times as you like (or stand) rising in pitch with each repeat.*

#### **Last verse:**

Be kind to your web footed friends,  
For that duck may be somebody's mother  
She lives in a hole in a swamp  
Where the weather is always damp  
You may think that this is the end:  
Well, it is!

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## Boom Chica Boom

*This is another "repeat after me" song. Just repeat the lines after the song leader shouts them. There are many different "styles" this song can be sung in, so don't limit yourself to the ones given below!*

I Said A Boom Chica Boom! (Repeat)  
I Said A Boom Chica Boom! (Repeat)  
I Said A Boom Chica Rocka Chica Rocka Chica Boom! (Repeat)  
U-HUH (repeat)  
OH-YEA (repeat)  
One More Time (repeat)

#### **Underwater Style**

(Wiggle your fingers over your lips while singing)

#### **Motorcycle Style**

(Make a driving action)  
Vroom-Chick-A-Vroom  
Vroom-Chick-A-Rocka-Chick-A-Rocka-Chick-A-Vroom

#### **Janitor Style**

(Make a sweeping action)  
Broom-Push-A-Broom  
Broom-Push-A-Mop-A-Push-A-Mop-A-Push a Broom

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## **CUBMASTER'S MINUTE**

### **I Am a Den Leader.**

#### **I am a den leader.**

I own a hot glue gun, a ring toss game, an American flag, and a 12 passenger van.

I know all about tour permits, permission slips, and registration forms.

I save bits of string, scraps of lumber, old tin cans, and a whole garage full of newspaper.

#### **I am a den leader.**

I get excited over paper sack kites that really fly, boys who remember to bring their books, and first aid kits that finally sell.

I laugh at Boy's Life jokes, cheer for my den kick ball teams, I sing Frankenstein songs at pack meetings, and once wept with a Cub who just found out his parents are getting a divorce.

#### **I am a den leader.**

I have bribed new Cubs through the Bobcat trail, herded unruly boys along library tours, puffed my way up steep mountain treks, and panicked when I looked down the other side. I have threatened to quit more than once.

#### **But I am still a den leader**

My patch says I'm "trained", but I know I still have a lot to learn from district and council leaders, Cub masters, other den leaders, and especially my boys.

And I still have one more lesson to teach. I will not give up, especially on any of my boys.

#### **So I am still a den leader.**

I like to think there is a special place in heaven reserved for den leaders. Surely, they would have a need for bird feeders and barometers and someone who could love a dirty faced Cub Scout.

I hope when I die there is a hot glue gun plugged in and waiting.

#### **For I am a den leader**

**Thank you for all that you do for our scouts in Gulf Coast Council and Lake Sands District. We are all volunteers with a purpose to help these young scouts entrusted to us today, to become the leaders of our country tomorrow. Your dedication to the task at hand does not go unnoticed.**