



**Buffalo Trail Council
Family Friends of Scouting
Scout Law Council Patch Series
2010**

In 2005, the Buffalo Trail Council began a new series of council patches as recognition for those families that choose to support Scouting by making a minimum contribution to the Family Friends of Scouting campaign.

Every year a donor receives the next point of the Scout Law on a new patch to add to their collection. The Buffalo Trail Council's Scout Law series will include images significant to the history of our council and the area that it encompasses. Six of them will feature airplanes from the WWII era, and the other six will depict images that relate to the history of the Buffalo Trail Council.

"Trustworthy", featured the image of a P-40 Warhawk airplane, "Loyal" featured the Snyder white buffalo, while "Helpful" depicted the UC-78 airplane, "Friendly" showed the buffalo trails and spring at Big Spring, and "Courteous" featured the AT6 Texan. In recognition of the 100th Anniversary of the BSA in 2010, the image chosen is that of the good turn by the unknown Scout in England.

William Dickson "W. D." Boyce was an American newspaper man and entrepreneur, best known today for founding the Boy Scouts of America and the Lone Scouts of America. As Boyce's enterprises grew, he insisted on the welfare of delivery boys, and had as many as 30,000 in his employment. Working with them may have helped him gain an understanding of America's youth.

According to legend, he was lost on a foggy street in London when an unknown Scout came to his aid, guiding him back to his destination. The boy then refused Boyce's tip, explaining that he was merely doing his duty as a Boy Scout. Soon thereafter, Boyce met with Lord Robert Baden-Powell, who was the head of the Boy Scout Association at that time. Boyce returned to America, and, four months later, founded the Boy Scouts of America on February 8, 1910. He intended to base the program on American Indian lore. This version of the legend has been printed in numerous BSA handbooks and magazines.

In actuality, Boyce stopped in London en route to a safari in British East Africa. It is true that an unknown Scout helped him and refused a tip. But this Scout only helped him cross a street to a hotel, did not take him to the Scout headquarters, and Boyce never met Baden-Powell. Upon Boyce's request, the unknown Scout did give him the address of the Scout headquarters, where Boyce went on his own and picked up a copy of *Scouting For Boys*. Weather reports show that London had no fog that day. This and other elements of the legend were largely added by James E. West to help build the Scouting organization in America.

Regardless of the elements of the story, this Scout was the catalyst that brought Scouting to the United States, and now, 100 years later, we celebrate our Centennial Anniversary!