

# Buffalo Trail Council



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## Buffalo Tracks

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**Council President- Kyle Womack: 697-1447**  
**Council Commissioner - Ron Harkrider: 367-5711**  
**Scout Executive- Mark W. Compton: 570-7601**

### New Buffalo Trail Council Website

The Website should be up and running by April 15, 2003.

Check it out at [www.buffalotrailbsa.org](http://www.buffalotrailbsa.org)

### National Eagle Scout Association Banquet

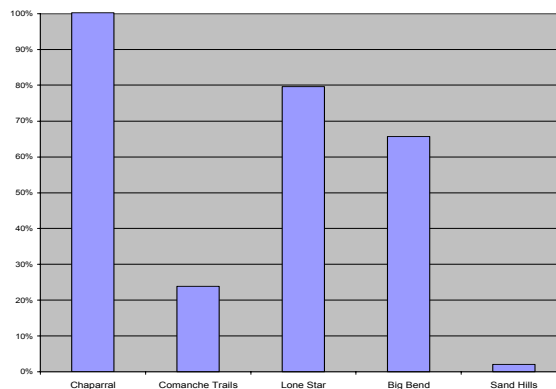
The 58 Eagle Scouts from the Buffalo Trail Council who earned their Eagle Rank in 2002 will be recognized at a Banquet in Odessa at the Downtown Lions Club at 6:30 on April 5, 2003. Dinner will be \$10 per person, and please RSVP by April 1<sup>st</sup> to the Midland Scout Service Center at 570-7601. **Sponsorships are still available!** For More information call **David O'Neill**.

### Friends of Scouting

**WE'RE HALFWAY THERE !!!!** With 50 days left in the campaign, we are at 77.5% of our goal. **We are about 27 days ahead of schedule! Thanks to all the volunteers who have made this campaign a success so far !**

**Chaparral District** is the first district in the council to reach their goal with 100.1% of their goal raised to date. **Lone Star District** continues in the #2 spot at 79.6%. **Big Bend** is third at 65.7%. **Comanche Trails District** is making a move at 22.8%, and **Sand Hills District** is going to kick-off shortly.

### **Current Friends of Scouting Status**



### Flag Retirement Ceremony

The annual flag retirement ceremony was held on Sunday, February 2, 2003 at Centennial Plaza in Downtown Midland at 3pm. There were over 200 in attendance. Thanks to **John Crosby and Troop 232** and all who participated. Over 600 Flags were Retired!

### College of Commissioner Science

College of Commissioner Science was held at Lake Brownwood on Feb 21-23<sup>rd</sup>. The council had 15 in attendance and a lot of great information was shared by all.

### OA Family Pow Wow Weekend

OA Family Pow Wow was held March 7-9<sup>th</sup> at Buffalo Trail Scout Ranch. Over 300 Scouts and their families attended this event. All had great fun, good food and lots of excitement. Thanks to all who helped to make this a success.

### Roundtables

The best way to know what is going on in the council, your district, and to receive training, is to attend your District Roundtable each month. Check your district calendar for time and place. We have a lot of fun at Roundtable!

## Council Calendar

### April

Apr 5 Council Eagle Recognition Banquet  
Apr 6 Spring Forward - Set your Clocks forward one hour!  
Apr 18 Scout Service Centers closed in Observance of Good Friday  
Apr 22-23 Scout Fun Shoot & Training - For Scouts working at Sporting Clay event 5:30pm  
Apr 26 Sporting Clay Shoot  
Apr 25-27 Buffalo Gals Weekend - BTRSR

### May

May 3 BSA Bass Classic Fishing Tournament - Lake Alan Henry  
May 10 Snyder Fish-a-thon 8am-4pm at Towle Park  
May 9-11 OA Open Camp - BTRSR  
May 16-18 Son & Me Cub Scout Weekend - BTRSR  
May 22 Council Executive Board  
May 26 Scout Service Centers closed in Observance of Memorial Day

### June

June 6-8 OA Open Camp - Hughes Aquatics Base  
June 7 Scout Night at the Rockhounds - "Sleep Under the Stars"  
June 1-7 BTRSR - Staff Week  
June 13-15 Hughes Aquatic Weekend # 1 - HAB  
June 8-14 BTRSR - Week # 1 Summer Camp  
June 27-29 Hughes Aquatic Weekend # 2 - HAB

### 2003 Buffalo Trail Council Eagle Scouts

<u>Troop, Team, or Crew #</u>	<u>Chartering Organization</u>
<u>Chaparral District</u>	
Trevor J. Williams	T80 Northwestern Baptist Church
Gregory A. Martini	T19 Westside Lions Club
Trevor W. Morris	T109 Suburban Lions Club
Tyson E. Carroll	T231 LDS 1 <sup>st</sup> Ward
James E. Bowden	T231 LDS 1 <sup>st</sup> Ward
Andrew W. Castle	T80 Northwestern Baptist Church
Jeffrey P. Alexander	T175 Midland Texas, Inc
Brian J. Taylor	T175 Midland Texas, Inc
Justen A. Farr	C231 LDS 1 <sup>st</sup> Ward
<u>Comanche Trails District</u>	
Jared M. Howell	T98 LDS 1 <sup>st</sup> Ward
<u>Sand Hills District</u>	
William C. Armstrong	T68 Pecos Rotary Club
<u>Lone Star District</u>	
Orrin L. Mansfield	T25 Midway Baptist Church

### More on Upcoming Events

#### Council Adult Leader Training

We have a lot of new and exciting training going on in the Council. Watch your calendar, pickup training sheets in your local service center, or for more information, call **Gary Wood**, council training chairman, at work 685-6922 or home 697-7084.

#### Buffalo Gals Weekend

On April 25-27<sup>th</sup> at Buffalo Trail Scout Ranch it's Ladies Weekend! NO COOKING, NO CLEANING, NO KIDS, AND NO MEN! This will be a great weekend of fun and fellowship. The cost is \$35 by April 15<sup>th</sup> or \$40 thereafter. Limited to 40 ladies. To get a registration form, or for more information, call your local Scout Service Center!

#### Spring Fling Shootout V

The Spring Fling Shootout V will be held Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup> with the location in Midland TBA. This is a great event and has grown every year with over 250 shooters last year. If any older Boy Scouts would like to come out and help run a station, please call **Roy Loris** at 570-7601. The Scouts will be trained on Scout Fun-shoot nights on either Tuesday or Wednesday prior to the event. They will also get to shoot sporting clays after training. For more information on the shoot, you can pickup a brochure at your service center, or call the chairman, **Chip Chapman**, at 520-5159. The fee for individual shooters will be \$125, or a 4-man team will be \$500. Other special sponsorships are available and there will be great door prizes at the event.

### BSA Bass Classic

The tournament will be held on Saturday May 3<sup>rd</sup> at Lake Alan Henry. This is a 3 fish stringer tournament that costs \$50 per person with a \$4,000 Payout for 10 places and the top two big bass. For more information, call **Warren Wallace** at 263-3407.

### Annual Fish-a-thon

**On May 10<sup>th</sup> at Towle Park Pond in Snyder from 8 to 4pm the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Fish-a-thon will be held. There will be over \$500 in prizes. There is a \$5 entry fee and no fishing license is required. Everyone young and old, Scout or non-Scouts invited!**

### My Son & Me Cub Weekend

All Cubs and their parents or guardians are invited to attend this fun filled weekend at Buffalo Trail Scout Ranch May 16-18th. Exciting activities such as hiking, horses, archery, BB's, crafts and other Scout skills are planned. The cost will be \$35 per person. Registration is limited to 250 campers by the May 9<sup>th</sup> deadline. Information is available at the Scout Service Centers, or call 337-2144.

### Rockhounds Scout Night and Campout

Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup> at First American Bank Ballpark the Scouts and their families can enjoy an all you can eat feast from 6:15 to 8:15pm. Then you can enjoy the Rockhounds game and cheer them to victory against the Tulsa Drillers. After the game, Scouts and their parents or guardians can camp on the outfield. There will be a movie to watch immediately after getting your gear into the outfield. Tickets and more information can be obtained at the Midland and Odessa Scout Service Centers. The tickets are \$9 each and include food and admission to the game. No tents and also no cots or chairs with sharp edges will be allowed in the outfield. The first 1,000 kids in the park that night will receive a jersey. For more information, call **Roy Loris** at 570-7601.

### Hughes Aquatic Weekends

June 13-15<sup>th</sup> & June 27-29<sup>th</sup>

Boy Scouts and Venturers are invited to enjoy many water sport activities while earning advancements such as waterskiing, sailing, lifesaving, swimming, motor boating, canoeing, rowing, fishing and oceanography. Other merit badges may be offered as well. The cost is \$50 per weekend or \$80 total if attending both. Deadlines are the Thursday before each weekend. Late registrations are accepted with a \$10 late fee. Call **Warren Wallace** at 263-3407 for more information. Packets are available at all Scout Service Centers.

### Spots still available at BTR Summer Camp

Time is running out to make preparations for summer camp! There are still spots available during the last week of camp at BTR. Make your reservations for the week of July 27 - August 2, and enjoy a week of fun in the Davis Mountains. The staff is hired and are preparing for a great program of fun and advancement for you and your boys to enjoy. To make your reservations now, contact Jana at the Odessa office at 337-2144. We hope to see you and your Troop this summer!

### Memorials

#### Jack Alexander

By Jerry Currie

#### Bernie House

By John Swendig  
Suzy Berneathy  
John Scherer

#### Yvonne Gilbert

By Neil & Jan Florer

#### Bill Bradford

By Warren & Sandy Wallace

#### Keith Tucker

By Jerry Currie

#### Dorothy Smith

By Jim Bill Little  
Geraldine Parrish  
Warren & Sandy Wallace

#### Walter Sanders

By Edwina Reagan

### Tributes

**John Crosby, Jr. Frank Gooch Stephen Boone, III.**

By Mrs. Steve Boone

**Big Bend District**

District Chairman -  
 Dist Comm. Robert Culpepper 837-1464  
 Dist. Director – Roy Loris W- 570-7601

**Big Bend Roundtable**

Monday, April 14th Roundtable will be hosted by the Marfa Pack & Troop at the Paisano Hotel at 7:00pm. For more information, call **Bunny Petrosky** at W-729-3550.

**Big Bend Blue & Gold Banquet**

Thanks to **Gerry Ellis**, her staff, and all the 300 plus attendees for making this a great success.

**Next Roundtable**

The May Roundtable will be hosted by the Alpine pack and troop in Alpine at the Wesley Student Center across from Sul Ross University at 7:00pm on Monday May 12<sup>th</sup>. For more information, contact **Gerry Ellis** at H-837-2793.

**Big Bend Pinewood Derby**

The Big Bend Pinewood Derby will be held at the Fort Davis Elementary Gym on Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm. For more information, call **Currey Huffman** at H-238-8418 or W-729-4250.

**Chaparral District**

District Chair- James Riggen– 689-1503  
 Dist. Comm- Richard Johnson- 697-8544  
 Sr. District Exec- Brad Connel- 570-7601  
 Dist. Executive- David O’Neill 570-7601

**April**

- 3 District Sub-committee 5:15pm  
Committee 6:00pm Service Center
- 4 Scout Expo – Setup & Campfire
- 5 Scout Expo/Pinewood Derby at Midland College 10am to 4pm
- 10 District Commissioner Meeting 6:00 pm, 1<sup>st</sup> Presbyterian, 800 W. Texas, Room 201 FLC
- 10 Cub Scout Leader Roundtable 7:00 pm, Midland Scout Service Center- For all Leaders!
- 10 Boy Scout Leader Roundtable 7:00 pm, 1<sup>st</sup> Presbyterian, 800 W. Texas, Room 201 FLC
- 15 Essentials Training for all Leaders
- 17 Cub Leaders Specific Training
- 18 Scout Service Center Closed in Observance of Good Friday

**May**

- 1 District Sub-Committee 5:15pm-  
Committee 6:00pm Service Center
- 8 District Commissioner Meeting 6:00 pm, 1<sup>st</sup> Presbyterian, 800 W. Texas, Room 201 FLC
- 8 Cub Scout Leader Roundtable & **Program Planning Kickoff** - 7:00 pm, Midland Scout Service Center- For all Leaders! **Get the New Calendar!**
- 8 Boy Scout Leader Roundtable & **Program Planning Kickoff** 7:00 pm, 1<sup>st</sup> Presbyterian, 800 W. Texas, Room 201 FLC. **Get New Calendar!**

- 15 Basic Adult Leader Training – Essentials. Also Safety Float, Safe Swim, & Youth Protection 6:30 to 9:30pm Midland Scout office.
  - 26 Scout Service Center closed in observance of Memorial Day
  - 30 MISD School Out for Summer
- June**
- 7 Scout Night at Rockhounds
  - 16-20 Cub Day Camp/Reyes Mashburn Park

**Please be sure to read the Council Page for Important Dates on council-wide events, training and other information! For more information on any Calendar dates or events, please call or come by the Scout Service Center in Midland.**

**Thank You's & Past Events****Food Drive**

Thanks to all who helped on Saturday, February 1<sup>st</sup> in Midland. We got over 20,000 pounds of food donated. Thanks to **Missy Sigler** for her hard work!

**Adult Leader Training**

15 Trained in 2003 so far!

**Pushmobile**

Pushmobile was held on Saturday February 22, 2003 at Beal Park. A great time was had by all, especially our Chaparral Grand Champions, **Webelos 2 Den** from **Pack 154** at **Emerson Elementary**

**Upcoming Events & Information****Adult Leader Training**

In the spring we will have a full slate of training in the district and council. Watch the Tracks for more information, or pickup information at your local service center and roundtables. Note: Part One or Essentials is for all Leaders on any level of Scouting. Next is Part Two or Specifics for each position in Scouting. Then Part Three is Outdoor Skills Training. Having trained leaders is vital to having a quality unit and program. It will help with retention of kids and ease of operation of the unit. For more information on training, call **Gary Wood** at work 685-6922 or home 697-7084 or **Barbara Biffle** at work 570-7757 or home 697-5264.

**District Roundtable's:**

Please have at least one unit leader attend your district roundtables to get important unit information on district and council events. Roundtable is held the second Thursday of the month at 7pm at the Scout Service Center. No Roundtable in June or July. **May Roundtable** is very important because we will have the **new calendar** and **Program Planning Kickoff!**

### **Chaparral Scout Expo**

On April 5<sup>th</sup> we will have our Scout Expo to show the public what Scouting is all about and hopefully recruit some new Scouts. Opening ceremony is 10am and closing is 4pm. Pinewood Derby will start at 10:30 with registration from 8-10am. Cubs will have a booth in the gym and Boys Scouts and Venturers will be outside showing off skills learned through Scouting. There will be a concession with food and drinks. Other organizations will be present as well! Make sure your registration is in ASAP and don't forget to turn remaining tickets and money in on Friday the 4<sup>th</sup>. There are plenty of tickets left, so come get more if you need them. If a Cub sells 70 tickets, Day Camp is paid! Don't forget booth setup is Friday 5-8pm with campfire at 8pm hosted by Boy Scouts for Cubs. Final setup will be 8am to 9:30 on Saturday morning! See you at Midland College!

### **Chaparral Day Camp**

Packets should be ready to pickup at Roundtable on April 10<sup>th</sup> for Day Camp to be held June 16-20<sup>th</sup> at Reyes Mashburn Nelms Park. There will be great fun while working on advancements. For more information call **Allen** or **Missy Sigler** at 563-2877.

### **Comanche Trails District**

District Chair – Barney Welch W-563-1061  
District Comm – Steve Harry W-337-1534  
Dist. Director – Roy Loris W-570-7601

### **Comanche Trails District Calendar:**

#### **April:**

1 Cub Roundtable  
2 Scout Roundtable  
12 Cub Leader Training 9am-4pm  
Odessa Scout Service Center

#### **May:**

2-4 Spring Camporee  
5 District Committee Meeting  
6 Cub Roundtable  
7 Scout Roundtable

#### **June:**

9-12 Cub Day Camp at Ector Jr. High

### **Cub Leader Training**

To be held on April 12<sup>th</sup> at the Odessa Scout Service Center from 9am to 4pm. For more information call **Laura Cunningham** at H-333-3254.

### **Boy Scout & Webelos Camporee**

To be held at Florey Park in Andrews on May 2, 3, & 4<sup>th</sup>. For More information call **John Gillian** at H – 337-4972.

### **Cub Scout Day Camp**

To be held at Ector Jr. High on June 9-12<sup>th</sup>. For more information call the Odessa Scout Service Center at 337-2144.

### **Sand Hills District**

District Chair- Oscar Saenz W - 445-1053  
Dist. Comm- Deborah Bean W- 943-4316  
Dist. Director – Roy Loris W – 570-7601

### **District Meetings**

The District Roundtable, District Committee, and District Commissioners will meet every 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 7:00pm at First Methodist Church in Pecos. Note that there will be no meetings in June or July.

### **Sandhills Fun in the Sun**

Cub Scout Fun Day, Webelos Over-niter with Troops, and Troop Camporee will be held on Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup> from 3pm until dark at the Monahans Sandhills State Park. There will also be a district-wide hot dog supper with all the trimmings. This is an opportunity to fellowship with other Scouts, Cubs, family, and leaders in the district. Please make it a priority to involve your units. All units invited and will be responsible for activities. Call **Debra Bean** at 943-6544 or **Mrs. Mixon** for details.

### **Lone Star District**

Dist Chr. – Carl Johansen 267-5275  
Dist Com. – Ralph Truskowski 267-6930  
Sr. Dist. Exec. – Warren Wallace 263-3407

#### **April**

2 Snyder Leader RT – 5:30pm  
Spanish Inn  
3 District RT Meeting, 7:00pm at the EASC  
7 District Committee Meeting, 12 noon at EASC  
11-12 Cub Campout HAB Call Office for details 263-3407  
12 Boy Scout Advancement Campout at Lake O.H. Ivie. Call 263-3407 for more information

#### **May**

1 District Roundtables 7 pm.  
EASC  
5 District Committee Meeting, 12 noon, EASC  
7 Snyder Leader Roundtables, 5:30,  
Spanish Inn  
9-11 OA Open Fellowship - BTSR  
10 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Snyder Fish-a-thon

#### **June**

6-8 OA Open Fellowship – HAB  
18-20 Cub Scout Day Camp - HAB